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Subsidized items to rise in price nder new proposals

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lem Post Economic Reporter

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government will allow hikes he fees for various services health services. The in- creased fees will be charged by the sick funds and the Treasury will reduce the subsidy it grants them.

- The government will reduce the quantity of low-interest loans to industrial and housing projects. Such investment projects are expected to be reduced by IL2,000m. This proposal will also face strong opposition from the Commerce and Industry Ministry and a compromise might be reached here.
- The government will reduce allocations to municipalities and this will force the municipalities either to cut services or to increase local taxes. For example, 400 small classes in elementary schools are expected to be closed down.
- A moderate cut, about IL150m., in education expenditures is planned. One item to become more expensive in the near future is tuition fees in teachers' seminars, from the present IL600 to IL1,000 per year.
- A IL1,000m. cut in the planned defence budget. The cuts involve defence purchases in the domestic market and no reductions are planned in purchases abroad.
- The committee is planning a 5 per cent reduction in all non-defence government expenditures on wages and purchases of materials. The expenditures on wages will be cut by reducing the number of government employees and job vacancies.

The slash in subsidies for basic commodities and public transport is necessary, say Treasury officials, not only because of the burden on the government budget but also because the low prices create waste, especially in foreign currency. They point, for example, to the poultry-feed subsidy which is about 50 per cent of the price. Thus turkey meat is produced cheaply and even ex-

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Pound devalued to IL7.10

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Israel pound was devalued as of midnight last night by a little less than 1½ per cent, from IL7 per dollar to IL7.10 per dollar.

The announcement of the mini-devaluation was made by the special ministerial committee appointed by the Cabinet in June.

As in the cases of the previous mini-devaluations, there will be no increases in the prices of basic commodities, fuel and public transportation.

A levy of a little less than 1½ per cent will be imposed on the foreign currency deposits in commercial banks, but not on private deposits.

The last devaluation — of 10 per cent — tok place on September 26.

500 more tanks to Syria

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The latest Soviet arms deal with Syria calls for provision of 500 tanks, almost a 25 per cent increase in its present number, the "Baltimore Sun" reported yesterday.

Quoting U.S. intelligence sources, the "Sun" said that the new arms arrangement is believed to have been worked out last month during Syrian President Assad's surprise visit to Moscow.

The "Sun" said that delivery of the 500 tanks, of the older T-55 type, will be made over the next two years.

"The new tank deal could raise Syrian armour much closer to parity with Israel's and possibly bolster Israel's case that even if it gets all it is asking in arms from Washington, there will still likely be a widening arms ratio between Arab and Israeli forces," the "Sun" said.

Depending on the number of older tanks that the Syrian Army retires, the "Sun" quoted Israeli officials as saying, the new tank deal could provide Syria with a new total of 2,600 tanks in two years. The Egyptians are said to currently have 2,400 tanks.

The newspaper said that Israel is known to have about 2,800 tanks, an increase of some 900 since the Yom Kippur War. Israel is currently seeking an additional 200 tanks from the U.S. over a four-year period, it added.

One hundred persons attended the burial services for General Francisco Franco, who was laid to rest in the basilica of the monument of the Valley of the Fallen near Madrid yesterday afternoon. (See Page 4.) (AP radiophoto)

WALDHEIM ARRIVES HERE TODAY

Israel to keep talks to UNDOF issue, will not widen framework

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Government leaders intend to keep today's talks with UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim closely confined to the UNDOF mandate issue, and to gently but firmly rebuff any efforts by Dr. Waldheim to initiate broader-ranging diplomatic moves.

Well-placed sources made this position clear last night following the weekly Cabinet meeting, at which the impending Waldheim visit had been discussed.

Foreign Minister Allon criticized Waldheim at the Cabinet for having met with PLO chief Yasser Arafat at Damascus. Allon's critical statement was later published in the official Cabinet communique.

Mr. Allon will meet the Secretary-General when he flies in from Damascus, and the two men will motor together to Jerusalem and convene briefly at the Foreign Ministry. They will then proceed together to the Prime Minister's Office where the main consultations will be held, with Premier Rabin, Defence Minister Peres and other top officials taking part.

Mr. Rabin is expected to stress once again that Israel will not cooperate with a committee set up by General Assembly resolution to oversee the realization of Palestinian rights. The Premier will reiterate, too, that Israel will not attend the Geneva Conference if the PLO is invited — as another Assembly *resolution recently urged.*

The well-placed sources explained that Israel had no interest in the introduction of a new peace-making factor — in this case Dr. Waldheim — in the anyway complicated Middle East situation. It therefore viewed with disfavour the Secretary-General's apparent efforts to broaden his mission into a general pulse-feeling exercise.

These sources noted that the Secretary-General, by virtue of his position, had to take account of General Assembly resolutions which Israel considers biased, unfair and inapplicable.

Taking up the same theme in his criticism of the Waldheim-Arafat meeting, Mr. Allon remarked that Dr. Waldheim had come to the area for the immediate purpose of securing an extension of the UNDOF mandate on the Golan.

"The parties to this issue are only Syria and Israel — and the issue concerns only the Security Council Resolution and not any General Assembly Resolutions," Mr. Allon said.

It has been especially inopportune, the Cabinet felt, for Dr. Waldheim to have conferred with Arafat so soon after the terrorists attack on Ramat Magshimim which had taken three young lives.

Reviewing the Magshimim incident, Mr. Rabin stressed to the ministers his assumption that no such attack was possible without Syrian help, or at least Syrian knowledge. This attack and earlier infiltrations were grave violations of the disengagement accord, Mr. Rabin said. Israel was taking up the incident in "diplomatic contacts with various governments."

Defence Minister Peres and Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur reported on the attack and on security measures which had been stepped-up following it. This part of the Cabinet session was held in the format of the Ministerial Defence Committee, whose deliberations are secret.

Sources in Dr. Waldheim's party were quoted on Israel radio as saying last night that his mission here was aimed not only at securing the mandate renewal, but also to examine the chances of diplomatic progress. They said that such progress through the Geneva conference seemed impracticable since the General Assembly had called for the PLO's inclusion in the conference and Israel opposed this. Other avenues, therefore, had to be investigated.

Waldheim, Assad talk for 4 hours

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syria last night withheld its decision on next Sunday's extension of the Golan-based UN peacekeeping forces' mandate. It indicated *that it will announce its position* in the light of the outcome of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's talks in Jerusalem.

The Secretary-General yesterday conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad for four hours. The meeting was attended by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Roberto Guyer. No statement was made.

The UN Security Council is scheduled to meet on Friday to debate the 1,200-man peacekeeping force on the Golan.

Indications were yesterday that Syria sought to link the new mandate with the reconvening of the *Middle East conference in Geneva* or probably an alternative forum to discuss an overall settlement.

Waldheim said in this context yesterday that he has "certain ideas" which he planned to submit to the governments of the countries he is visiting on his Middle East tour. Waldheim is also due to visit Egypt and Lebanon.

In Damascus yesterday, Waldheim denied a French radio report that an abortive attempt was made on his life in Damascus.

Rabin: Stronger now over Golan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that the problems which Israel faces today are similar to those of 1948, although the dimensions are different. We are *much stronger now to counter any* future threats, he stressed.

Addressing some 80 Joint Israel Appeal leaders from Britain at Central Command headquarters, the Premier said that the Sinai agreement with Egypt will enable Israel to stand much firmer on such vital issues as the Golan Heights and the West Bank.

The main cause for the political and military threats posed by the Arabs, is their unwillingness to reconcile themselves with the existence of a viable and sovereign Jewish State in their midst, he stated.

Praising the civilized nations which did not raise their hands for the anti-Israel UN resolutions, the Premier said that we can do *all we have to so as to prepare* ourselves against any future threats — as long as there will be greater identity and solidarity between Israel and the Jewish people in the Diaspora.

JIA chairman Trevor Chinn announced a £1.7m. pledge by the mission towards the 1976 campaign, bringing the total pledge so far to £2.3m. The past chairman for eight years, Michael Sacher, was presented with a silver menorah by Keren Hayesod chairman Ezra Shapiro.

Compromise seen on Cabinet shuffle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ional Religious Party leader *Jerusalem Post* last night ved a crisis would be "aver- d a compromise found over me Minister's plan to re- several ministries.

r, the NRP had threatened out of the Government if nier went through with the ch, as it stands, would in- shifting Zevulun Hammer cial Welfare to Health.

ism that a crisis could be was expressed to *The Post* hak Raphael, Minister for s Affairs. He said he him- red a compromise proposal erday's Cabinet meeting. It or structural reform that the first stage be con- function: vocational educa- example, would be moved abour to Education; collec- National Insurance fees and tax, now separate, would ined.

combining or eliminating inistries would await an plan touching all govern- functions, under Raphael's e said it was generally *that no financial saving* result from the merging of bour and Social Welfare es.

ond plan, put forward by inister Shlomo Hillel, would have the effect of easing controversy inside his own party. Hillel called for retaining Labour as a separate ministry — but without the National Insurance Institute, which would be combined with Social Welfare to form a new Social Betterment Ministry. Hillel is chairman of a ministerial committee for social betterment.

Sentiment inside Labour opposes turning over the Labour portfolio — traditionally held by this party — to Mapam in any form, particularly at a time when the introduction of tougher labour legislation may be a controversial issue. Labour's Moshe Baram has said he'll resign if the Labour portfolio is taken from him.

The Premier undertook to submit his reorganization plan within a reasonable period. The plan would include personnel changes involved in the Cabinet.

The Cabinet yesterday decided to transfer the centre for the absorption of immigrant scientists from the Prime Minister's Office to the Immigrant Absorption Ministry.

The Premier is on record as seeking to transfer certain functions from the Prime Minister's Office to Ministries that should be dealing with these activities in the natural course of their duties, the Cabinet communique said.

Dispute on Sinai c'ttee resolved

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

A dispute between the Defence Establishment and the Foreign Ministry over who is to represent Israel at the Joint Commission talks with Egypt has now been resolved. Following Premier Rabin's personal intervention, it has been decided that a Foreign Ministry man will attend Commission meetings whenever non-military matters are discussed — and that such matters will be discussed soon.

The Commission was due to hold its third meeting tomorrow, but it has been postponed, probably to Thursday, because of UN Secretary-General Waldheim's visit to the area. Dr. Waldheim will be travelling from Jerusalem to Cairo tomorrow after a one-day stay in Israel.

At the previous two meetings of the Commission, the two sides were represented by soldiers only: Israel by Aluf Herzl Shafir and Aluf-Mishne Shimon Levinson; Egypt by General Maghdoub and another officer.

The Foreign Ministry has argued all along that its Legal Adviser, Dr. Meir Rosenne, who was one of the delegates at the Geneva talks in September on the Military Protocol, should participate in the Commission's meetings from the outset. His absence from the early meetings, the Ministry maintained, would create a bad precedent.

Israel had fought hard, during the Kissinger shuttle and later at Geneva, against Egypt's desire to give the Commission a strictly military character, Foreign Ministry circles recalled. Thus, the interim agreement had empowered the Commission to "consider any problem arising from this agreement" — not just military problems. And the Protocol had provided — again at Israel's insistence and after arduous negotiating — that the Commission "be composed of representatives" — not specifically military representatives.

The Foreign Ministry maintained that to limit the Commission now to military men would be to throw away those gains, which the government had asserted to the Knesset and the nation were of political import.

The Defence Establishment countered that the presence of Israeli civilians would embarrass the Egyptians, who were anyway hard put to defend the interim agreement from hardline Arab attacks.

If the civilian presence could remain secret, the Defence Establishment contended, there would be no harm in it. But since the Israeli press would almost certainly play it up — it would be better done without for the present. Hopefully in the course of time the Commission's agenda would move towards non-military issues, such as the Sinai Bedu'in or Suez Canal shipping, and then Israel could without fuss introduce a civilian representative.

The Defence Establishment maintained (and still maintains) that Egypt actually stated that it would object to Israel's attaching a civilian to its delegation.

Foreign Ministry and other government circles, however, flatly deny this. They say there was no

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Allon reserved on Saunders issue

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon expressed guarded reservations yesterday at the Government's strident reaction last week to the "Saunders paper."

Mr. Allon was on an official visit to Holland and Belgium when the paper was published and the Cabinet last Sunday decided to publish a vigorous condemnation of it.

The "Saunders paper" — evidence given by State Department official Hal Saunders to a congressional committee — was seen in Jerusalem as presaging a possible swing in U.S. policy towards the PLO. Dr. Kissinger asserted subsequently that no such swing had taken place or was contemplated.

Mr. Allon remarked at the Cabinet meeting yesterday that while he endorsed the Cabinet's objections to the paper (the Cabinet had pointed to its "factual and political errors and misrepresentations"), he did not completely concur with the ways in which these objections had been expressed.

Mr. Allon's remark was taken to mean that he would have preferred a more restrained reaction. The remark was made *en passant*, and no debate ensued.

Some political observers claim to have detected in Mr. Allon of late a "softer" line on the Palestinian-PLO question than is generally accepted in the Cabinet.

Such differences, however, if they exist, have not reached specific expression at the Cabinet table, since Premier Rabin has steadfastly headed off any attempts to launch a full-*drass debate on the Palestinian issue.*

Rabin reported to the ministers yesterday that Israel's objections to the "Saunders paper" had been transmitted to Dr. Kissinger by Ambassador Simha Dinitz.

Allon spoke of the "support and understanding" for Israel that he had encountered in Holland and Belgium, and at EEC headquarters at Brussels.

In his talks with EEC officials *he had arranged that a top-level* follow-up team of Israeli and EEC representatives convene in the spring to examine the implementation of the Israel-EEC agreement signed last May.

Herzog arrives

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Haim Herzog, who arrived here yesterday to take part in the talks with UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, expressed satisfaction with Waldheim's approach during the anti-Zionist vote at the General Assembly.

"Israel certainly has nothing to complain about. Dr. Waldheim understood the issue and expressed himself as such in his statement afterward," said Herzog. The Ambassador said he hoped that Waldheim would bring an undertaking from the Syrians to renew the UN *mandate in the North.* (*Itim*)

Toon off to U.S.

U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon said recently that he favoured a Golan settlement involving Israel's concession of sovereignty over the area — but its retention of military control.

Itim News Agency, which reported this yesterday, did not say where or when the envoy had expressed this view.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Toon flew to Washington for two weeks of consultations at the State Department. The U.S. envoys to Jordan and Saudia have also been called in for talks.

Mr. Toon said nothing to newsmen before emplaning. (*Itim*)

No Cabinet decision on Golan settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

No decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday on a proposal to establish four settlements on the Golan.

The proposal has been pending for about two months: at the time, it was passed to the full Cabinet for decision at the insistence of two prominent Labour doves on the Ministerial Settlement Committee, Avraham Ofer and Shlomo Rosen.

At yesterday's session, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol suggested the proposal be adopted in response to the terrorist attack in the Golan last Thursday. Supporting the idea were Labour's Aharon Yadlin and Shlomo Hillel as well as the NRP's Raphael and Hammer. But the issue was not formally on the agenda and discussion was postponed.

Yitzhak Oked reports:

"The Zionist answer to the UN resolution" is how the ministerial committee for settlements describes its new, stepped-up programme for settlements, apparently for 29 in the first stage.

Five of the settlements will be in the Golan Heights. A Kibbutz Hameuhad movement spokesman said yesterday that it planned to establish a kibbutz in the Golan, while both *Kibbutz Hadati and Ihud Kib*butz movement officials said they had no plans for kibbutzim in that area. The other planned settlements are believed to all be moshavim, both Histadrut and religious.

Spokesmen for the various settlement groups said that they had exact plans for settlements in different parts of the country, and that the 29 settlements plan was not a new thing. One official said that "We had been told that this settlement plan would be carried out over a period of several years. What has happened now is that the Government has speeded the plan up and the first stage of 29 settlements will be carried out much faster, maybe in less than two years."

One official said that the first settlements will be moving into their new locations in a matter of weeks. Prime Minister Rabin has been quoted as saying that the programme will start after November 30.

The nine areas of settlement according to the plan are the Galilee, Golan, Ta'anah region, Bika'at Hayarden, Etzion bloc area, Emek Eylon, Ramat Hanegev, Arava and the Gaza Strip and the Pithat Rafiah area.

According to the plan, there will not be any settlements in the "sensitive" areas of Judea and Samaria.

ebanese Moslems and ristians meet today

iddle East Affairs Correspondent

ese Christian and Moslem will today hold a joint meet- Beirut in an attempt to the latest round of sectarian — the fifth since fighting ut last April.

meeting was called after er of Moslem leaders aided ristians in warning against wing threat by leftist forces non. Moslem leaders, among ormer Premier Sa'eb Salam, the continued strife on left- les which, with the active of the Palestine Liberation ation, have been seeking changes in Lebanon's poli- stem.

religious leaders were sche- today to discuss the pos- of introducing moderate re- which could increase Moslem ntation in the state author- equal that of the Christians, nstituting a 40 per cent y.

er French Premier Maurice de Mourville, on a "friendly t-finding" mission in Beirut, y held further talks with Lebanese Christian and Moslem leaders in his bid to reach an agreement for the projected reforms.

Beirut Radio last night said that Parliament had been summoned to an extraordinary session tomorrow — probably to discuss the outcome of today's Moslem-Christian summit.

It said that there was relative quiet in Beirut yesterday afternoon, though it noted that at least seven major districts in the Lebanese capital remained on the danger list due to sporadic shooting.

Christian Phalangists and their left-wing opponents had earlier in the day exchanged rocket, mortar and machinegun fire mainly in the Shiah district, known to be a PLO stronghold.

Police sources said about 30 people have been killed during the past 48 hours of shooting, shelling and kidnapping.

A military spokesman said gunmen opened fire on suburban security patrols, killing two soldiers and wounding four others in separate incidents.

FOUR DEAD, 16 HURT, FOUR MISSING

U.S. warships collide near Sicily

GAETA, Italy. — The U.S. aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy — one of the largest warships in the world — and the U.S. guided missile cruiser Belknap collided and burned Saturday during night flight operations in the Ionian Sea, near Sicily, the U.S. Navy announced yesterday.

Four crewmen were killed, 16 injured and four were still missing last night, according to U.S. Sixth Fleet headquarters here. A spokesman said three of the dead were from the Belknap, one from the John F. Kennedy and all the missing were Belknap crewmen. The Navy did not supply a breakdown of the injured.

The Navy announcement came after ships and aircraft mounted a search in the choppy and oil-blackened Mediterranean east of Sicily.

The collision between the Kennedy, carrying a crew of 4,500, and the Belknap, with a crew of 350 and half the carrier's size, occurred during night flight operations on Saturday in what the Navy described as "reduced visibility" — indicating at least a partial blackout during the manoeuvres by the seven-vessel task force.

Fire broke out on both the Kennedy and the Belknap. The Navy said it took only 10 minutes to douse the flames on the carrier's massive flight deck, but the fire on the Belknap raged for 2½ hours before it was brought under control. The heavily damaged cruiser was taken under tow by the destroyer Bordelon, bound for Augusta Bay, Sicily, south of Catania.

Fifty-five crewmen from the Belknap were swept overboard and plucked from oil-blackened sea by U.S. Navy ships in the area, according to a Navy statement.

The Italian news agency Ansa said five seriously burned men were helicoptered shortly after midnight to the Sicilian mainland where doctors immediately ordered them transported to Naples for specialized emergency treatment.

One of the injured, David Vollmer, said: "We were trapped below decks, but fought our way to the deck. Ammunition exploded. There were terrible fires."

Citing standard Defence Department policy, the Navy refused to confirm or deny whether either ship was carrying nuclear weapons.

The Navy has given no explanation for the crash, but Admiral David Bagley, commander-in-chief of U.S. naval forces stationed in *London, has ordered an investiga*tion.

A Soviet destroyer was in the area at the time of the collision, customary practice in the Mediterranean where units of the Soviet and U.S. fleets observe each other's movements. During the rescue operations, the Soviet destroyer's help "was not asked and it did not offer any," a fleet spokesman said.

Both the Kennedy and the Balknap are normally based in Norfolk, Virginia, and are on assignment now with the Sixth Fleet.

(*UPI, AP, Reuter*)

Girl soldier hurt in blast

A girl soldier was slightly wounded yesterday when an explosive charge went off at a hitch-hiking post on the Ramallah road north of Jerusalem, the army spokesman said.

The incident occurred around noon near Shuafat, at the entrance to the Metzudat Kefir army base. The girl was wounded by shrapnel that hit her in the leg. Two other soldiers at the post escaped injury.

Security forces are investigating.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Possible local light rain.
Weather synopsis: Upper trough from Sweden to central Mediterranean.

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Jerusalem	46	9—20	11—20
Golan	38	8—18	8—18
Naharlya	59	12—24	12—24
Safad	54	9—16	8—17
Haifa Port	51	13—23	13—23
Tiberias	54	10—23	11—23
Nazareth	35	12—22	12—22
Afula	37	10—25	11—25
Shomron	28	12—22	12—22
Tel Aviv	51	20—23	14—24
B.G. Airport	31	11—26	13—26
Jericho	46	13—27	13—28
Gaza	53	19—26	14—26
Beersheba	31	11—25	12—26
Eilat	27	16—29	16—29
Tiran Straits	28	18—33	18—28

2 boys hurt playing with explosives

ACRE. — An Arab boy and a Druse boy were injured in two unrelated accidents yesterday, when objects they were playing with exploded.

Mchammed Kassem Sa'ada, 10, of Mas'ada, a village in the Golan Heights, was taken to Safad hospital after an object — which turned out to be a detonator — exploded. He had picked it up in a field near his home.

Another boy, 11-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim Hajirat, of Arab el-Hajirat, in Western Galilee, was slightly injured when an as-yet-unidentified object exploded in his hand. The boy's father was detained for questioning. *(Itim)*

Haifa man, 32, fined for marrying minor

HAIFA. — A 32-year-old man was ordered in court on Friday to pay a IL2,000 fine or serve 200 days in jail for marying a minor.

The man, Daud Ouda, 32, told the court that his own mother had married when she was 14, and this had influenced him to take a 15-year-old bride himself. He also asked the court to take into consideration that his wife had already borne him one child and was pregnant with a second.

Judge Micha Lindenstraus, who heard the case, told the defendant that all Israeli citizens, regardless of religion, must obey the country's marriage laws.

Tel Aviv hoopsters leave for Athens

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel basketballers left for Greece yesterday for the return match on Wednesday against AEK Athens in the Korac Cup competition, elated by a 106-81 National League victory over Givat Brenner-Na'an on Saturday night. Tel Aviv holds a 24-point lead following their 95:71 win against the Greeks last week.

Ramat Gan Hapoel also departed, after their first league defeat of the season by Jerusalem Hapoel, 67:63. They play a return match with Mobil-Quarto of Milan, which won the first game 95:91.

Social and Personal

The Jerusalem West Rotary Club will hold a business meeting tonight at 7 at the King David Hotel.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial meeting for Miriam Sacher will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 1975, at 6 p.m., at the Miriam Sacher Wizo Club, 1 Mapu, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, from London, where he held trade talks with British Cabinet ministers.

U.S. Senator James A. McClure (Republican-Idaho), member of the Senate's Interior Committee, for a two-day visit.

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, MK, from the U.S., where he was a member of the Knesset delegation invited by Congress.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Israel Bonds, for a brief visit.

Herut vows to pay off its debts in two years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Herut Party expects to pay off the bulk of its debts within two years, Yitzhak Shamir, chairman of the party executive, said yesterday.

The party's debts, believed to be in the range of IL50m.-IL60m., were incurred in political activities such as the publication of daily newspapers and campaigning in general elections. The party's financial position finally became untenable recently because the interest it had to pay on loans soared beyond reasonable proportions, Shamir said.

"The executive decided to make a special effort to pull the party out of the red," Shamir said. The means to do it include "raising money among friends" and selling some of the property which the party controls. However, he said, today's market is a buyers' market, and there are other problems as well. For instance the party owns a 37-dunam sports ground near Tel Aviv. "But no contractor will invest money in it if he is not sure that no legal objection will prevent building on the plot." Other party property which could be sold includes houses and unused party clubs in towns.

The financial body which handles party property is Tel-Hai, organized as a private company, with shares in the hands of trusted party leaders. There are 30 nominal partners in Tel-Hai.

Lahat unable to delay strike of city workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday failed to persuade the City Employees Union to postpone next week's scheduled strike of 500 manual workers. He claimed he would be unable to handle the dispute because he would be abroad on an Israel Bonds mission.

The planned strike is the result of the mayor's decision to rescind a 10 per cent pay increase promised the workers (see "Interior," this page).

The City Council yesterday approved the experimental sidewalk parking plan for sections of 32 streets. Deputy Mayor David Shifman, who is in charge of the transportation portfolio, stressed that if the plan is successful it will be expanded; and if it doesn't work out satisfactorily, it will be shelved.

Interior warns cities on wage excesses

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Ministry of Interior yesterday reiterated a warning that state funds would be cut off from all cities that grant wage increases to employees in violation of existing wage agreements and the national belt-tightening policy.

In a circular issued to the local authorities, Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky zeroed in on three areas: pension payments, severance pay and global overtime. He said any proposed increase in these categories "not anchored" in law and existing wage agreements must first be submitted to the ministry for approval.

The director-general announced on behalf of the Ministers of Finance and the Interior that any municipality violating these rules would receive no state funds if they exceeded their budgets.

Two weeks ago, the ministry clashed with the Bat Yam Municipality after the city had granted wage increases to its executives.

In Tel Aviv, Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday announced that he was reviewing the activities of the city's pensions committee, which was suspended last month following the discovery of "irregularities" in pension payments. The Mayor said he intended to put a stop to the practice of giving inflated pensions to troublesome employees just to get rid of them.

BILLY GRAHAM ARRIVES TODAY

Billy Graham, the noted American evangelist, will arrive in Israel today for a three-day visit. During his stay, he will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister Golda Meir and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

AP reported from Athens last night that Dr. Graham was suffering from a severe intestinal infection and might have to cancel his scheduled tours of the Middle East and Africa.

A spokesman said Dr. Graham had dysentry and was exhausted from a two-month preaching tour of the Far East.

Foreign currency debts increase

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's foreign currency debts increased in August by $103m. to reach $7,016m. Short-term debts increased by $55m. to $705m.

The increase in the short-term debts worries Treasury officials, who point out that the country's foreign currency reserves, now at $1,000m., is not expected to increase in the next year.

Top officials indicted in flat fraud

TEL AVIV. — A senior Housing Ministry official, his daughter, and two top men in Shikun Ovdim, the Histadrut housing company, have been indicted on charges of fraudulantly attempting to obtain an apartment for the Housing Ministry official's daughter.

According to the indictment filed in District Court here last week, Moshe Pe'er, chief water and sewage engineer at the ministry, conspired with Shikun Ovdim manager Menahem Heller and treasurer Yehuda Ben-Horin to register Pe'er's daughter Shulamit, 23, as eligible for a young couple's apartment even though she was not married.

For the purposes of the fraud the Pe'ers enlisted a relative, Aharon David, to at as a bogus husband for Shulamit. They got him to sign an undertaking that he would have no claim to the apartment. David will testify for the prosecution in the case.

The case against the Shikun Ovdim officials rests on the allegation that although they knew that Shulamit had no intention of marrying David, they pushed through her application. *(Itim)*

No one to replace Rimalt as Liberal Party chairman

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At the fourth national convention of the Liberal Party, which opens at the Mann Auditorium here tomorrow, Elimelech Rimalt, the party's chairman for the past four years, will announce his retirement. He is 68.

No one, however, is to be chosen in his stead; and the party is expected to run, at least for the time being, under the direction of a "collective leadership."

Simha Erlich MK, who is considered to have the most pull in the party, is expected to head the executive council; but he is reported to be unwilling to assume the chairmanship of the party.

The 80 branches of the party will be represented by 751 delegates. Those representing the main cities were chosen last week in local elections, in which over 10,000 members took part. The rest were selected by local party keymen.

The elections, where they took place, showed a marked decrease in strength of the Liberal Workers Movement. In previous conventions, it was generally taken for granted that the workers, represented a quarter of the total membership. But in last week's elections they managed to muster only from 11 per cent (in Tel Aviv) to 14 (in Jerusalem). The workers' leaders alleged improprieties in the electoral lists in some places, but after a number of meetings with the party leadership declared the matter had been settled — without going into detail.

Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, military adviser to the Prime Minister, is not expected to take part in the convention, although he is still technically a registered member of the party. Sharon last year declared he was dissatisfied with the slow progress of "coalescence of the Likud" into a single party and left active politics.

Histadrut opposes industry's ideas on curing labour ills

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut leaders yesterday criticized some of the far-reaching changes in work and pay conditions proposed by the Manufacturers Association last week. But the Central Committee reserved its comment until it receives clarification from the employers later this week.

A special Histadrut committee will meet the association's president later this week.

Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel told the Central Committee it was clear which of the workers' rights the manufacturers sought to withdraw, but it was not clear what they were offering.

Ya'acov Vilan, a Mapam member of the Central Committee, said some of the manufacturers' proposals (such as docking workers who claim to be ill and limiting annual leave) were worse than the evils (absenteeism) they came to correct.

Naftali Ben-Moshe, another Mapam member of the Central Committee, said the manufacturers had "no plan. I was looking for innovative ideas... but found... empty slogans," he said.

But Efraim Reiner, secretary of Hevrat Ovdim (the Histadrut holding company), told *The Jerusalem Post* the proposals were "constructive" and could serve as a basis for negotiations with the Histadrut.

Bank Hapoalim to open in Zurich

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim (Switzerland) Ltd. will soon be incorporated in Switzerland as a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, the Bank announced yesterday.

The new bank will be open to the public in Zurich in a few months. A representative office has been maintained in Zurich for several years.

Labour Party monthly, 'Migvan,' to appear

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's new political periodical, "Migvan" spectrum, will appear this week for the first time, it is learned.

Published under the auspices of Beit Berl, the party's ideological college, it is edited by Asher Meniv and Adam Doron.

"Migvan," which is to be a monthly, replaces the weekly "Ot," which the party discontinued last year because of its editor's leftist tendencies.

Single vote ends income tax strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 2,500 income tax officials will return to work today, after the vote of one works committeeman yesterday brought an end to a six-week partial strike over wage demands.

In a heated debate which lasted five hours, 22 committee members voted for returning to normal work. Twenty-one were opposed.

Yosef Silverman, the committee's secretary, said, "We're responsible people. We don't want to destroy the department." He said he hoped that "without sanctions the Government will find it easier to examine our case."

The Histadrut and income tax department heads urged the officials to return to work.

The partial strike began on October 12, and was stepped up on October 28, paralysing the department. Eliezer Shiloni, assistant income tax commissioner, said it was still impossible to evaluate the damage caused by the sanctions.

Sinai commission

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such Egyptian demand, and point out that under the terms of the Protocol each side is free to send whomever it wishes to the Commission talks.

Defence circles hinted, too, that the Egyptians had found Dr. Rosenne too tough and uncompromising at Geneva.

Foreign Ministry circles reject this, too, as unfounded.

Some political observers trace the dispute back to the Geneva talks, where the Israel delegation head, Ambassador Mordechai Gazit, was sometimes at loggerheads with his deputy, Aluf Herzl Shafir (though not, interestingly enough, over the question of the Joint Commission). Shafir, these observers surmise, and his Defence superiors, came to the conclusion that future talks with Egypt would be better handled within their exclusive domain and without Foreign Ministry participation.

Defence circles flatly deny these surmises — as unfounded. They circles argue that if the Egyptians are needlessly embarrassed, they might react by ceasing to take an active part in the Commission sessions.

Foreign Ministry circles rebuff this: such action would violate the agreement, they say, and Egypt has shown itself interested in observing the agreement.

Some Defence circles question the government's original policy of insisting that the Commission not be purely military, and of trumpeting the eventual achievement of the desired formulations as a political success. This has made the Egyptians "suspicious," these circles say, hence their preference that the Commission talks be purely military.

Foreign Ministry circles counter that the quasi-political aspects of the interim agreement were always seen by the government as important.

Premier Rabin's first intervention, according to some well-placed sources, came before the Commission's first meeting, at the end of last month, when he in effect held for the Defence Establishment.

But following the second meeting, earlier this month, from which a civilian representative was again absent, Mr. Rabin began to swing around, in the belief that civilian participation must not be put off for too long.

It is understood that there might be civilian representation at the coming meeting, probably on Thursday or early next week.

'IL 10,000 to kill head of Jaffa Wakf'

TEL AVIV. — The man suspected of throwing hand grenades at the home of Ali Rashidi, chairman of the Moslem Wakf in Jaffa, was paid IL10,000 to murder Rashidi, a police investigator told the local Magistrates Court yesterday. Rashidi and his family were unhurt in two separate grenade attacks on his home earlier this month. The suspect, Mohammed Tarek, of Jaffa, was one of five men arrested after the murder attempt.

Police investigator Sergeant-Major Yosef Avizohar said a group of Jaffa Arabs had set up a group to work against the Wakf headed by Rashidi. Tarek came to one of the meetings of the group and offered to "get rid of" Rashidi for a price. Avizohar claimed in court. The policeman added that Tarek had bought a IL3,000 coffin for Rashidi.

Tarek denied the charges and said he had bought the coffin for an uncle who had died. Magistrate Hadassah Ahitov ordered the suspect remanded for eight days.

Sardine catch of 1,100 tons is below normal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The sardine fishing season, which ended earlier this month with the start of the winter storms at sea, yielded only 1,100 tons of fish. The catch was below the customary 1,400 to 1,500 tons per season.

Fishermen's Union secretary Dov Schmiede blamed the lower catch on the lack of manpower, which had reduced the number of nights spent at sea during the eight-month season.

He noted that prices for the sardines sold to the canning industry are fixed in advance by mutual agreement. The annual contract guarantees the fishermen a market, but this year was detrimental because they were unable to raise prices to compensate for higher costs. He said that many of the boat owners who couldn't get hired hands for the wages they could pay turned to trawl fishing.

The Agriculture Minister last week appointed a seven-man committee to recommend ways of developing the fishing fleet with the goal of raising its catches by 50 per cent.

Agreement on price of cotton signed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The lingering dispute between cotton growers and users over the price to be paid for the natural fibre came to an end yesterday afternoon in the office of Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev. There, representatives of the Cotton Marketing Board and the Textile Division of the Manufacturers Association signed an agreement setting IL9.20 per kilo as the price for the 1975 crop.

For months the growers had demanded IL11.50 per kilo while the users offered IL8.85. The latter consume about 40 per cent of the crop, which this year will reach 50,000 tons.

Amendment to smooth tax exemptions

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Finance Minister will be authorized to exempt some forms of income from income tax under an amendment now being discussed by the Treasury.

Under the present law, any exemption requires a Knesset law. Recently, however, the Treasury found some items — such as gains from stock — which are now taxable, although before the reform they were tax free. In order to avoid changing the law every time such an item is found, officials offered the amendment, which authorizes the Finance Minister to grant tax exemptions through regulations (which need approval by the Knesset Finance Committee).

The amendment also grants exemption from income tax for meals at places of work, up to a value of IL720 per year. This amendment is in line with the reform, which granted such concessions to low-interest loans to employees up to the same sum. A similar clause exists as to goods and services (up to IL720 per year) given by employers to their employees.

HABAD HASSIDIM all over the world yesterday evening celebrated their "new year" — the 177th anniversary of the release of the first Habad rabbi, Shneur Zalman of Lyady, from a Russian prison. Thousand of hassidim and public figures attended the celebration at the Central Synagogue in Kfar Habad.

1075 THIS WEEK

Lotto Draw 47/75
First Prize Fund
IL500,000*
(including carryover)
TODAY is the last day for handing in Lotto entries.
* Subject to rescrutiny.

'Arabs ordered up to $19b. worth of arms'

The Arab states have ordered between $17 billion and $19 billion worth of weapons and war materiel since the Yom Kippur War — half of it from the West — Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. He was speaking to commanders of Nahal, the farming-military corps which is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding.

He said that while countries such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been receiving anti-aircraft missiles, planes, tanks and sophisticated bombs from the U.S., the Soviet Union continues to pour large quantities of modern weapons to its clients in the Middle East and Africa.

Referring to recent evaluations of foreign experts that Israel is strong enough not to be worried about the Arab arms buildup, Peres said that these experts were fostering the "myth" of two Arab worlds — one moderate, the other extremist. "On the strategic level," he said, "the entire Arab world is extremist when it comes to Israel. On the tactical level, there are differences of opinion among them; and these differences will remain as long as they are convinced that they have no chance of defeating Israel or of disheartening her."

Also speaking to the Nahal commanders were the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur; the OC Nahal, Aluf Mishne Raanan Sharf; and the head of the Youth and Nahal Department in the Defence Ministry, Moshe Nahorai.

10,000 TERRORISTS

The terrorist organizations number more than 10,000 members, according to a pamphlet prepared by the Government Information Centre on the PLO and other terrorist groups, which is due to appear shortly. According to the pamphlet units of the Palestine Liberation Army fought on both the Egyptian and Syrian fronts in the Yom Kippur War.

Committee to study foreign investments

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev have appointed a committee to review what measures the Government can take to induce foreign investments in Israel. The committee, which also will review the impact of the creeping devaluations on foreign investments, will report in a month.

Shalom Ronel, a certified public accountant, will chair the committee. Other members are Haim Stoessel, the Accountant-General; Ben-Ami Zukerman, deputy commissioner of internal revenue; Moshe Goren, chairman of the Investment Authority; Avraham Bigger, assistant to the Director-General of the Finance Ministry; Amos Mar-Haim, deputy director-general of the Commerce Ministry; Meir Heth, adviser to the Governor of the Bank of Israel; and Falek Gedish of the Manufacturers Association.

Israel's champion chess team to play Sweden in quarter-finals

By ELIYAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Haifa Technion Asa, league champions for 1974/75, will play Sweden in the quarter-finals of the European cup chess games in Lund, Sweden from December 12 to 13.

In the eighth finals, the Haifa team trounced S.K. Yupen of Belgium 10-2 in the match held in Haifa. Other results of the ⅛ finals were: USSR — Bulgaria 8½-3½; Sweden — Italy 8½-3½; West Germany — Spain 6½-5½; Denmark — England 7½-4½; Hungary — Greece 10-2; Switzerland — Poland 7-5; Yugoslavia won the match against Wales by default.

The patrings of the quarter-finals are: West Germany — Yugoslavia; Hungary — Switzerland; USSR — Denmark; Sweden — Israel.

The Israel team, which is headed by international master Ya'acov Bleiman, will leave for Sweden the beginning of December.

Two of Israel's top junior players will soon take part in major international events. David Bernstein of Haifa, who captured ninth place in the recent world junior championship, will represent Israel in the European junior championships in Groningen, Holland, December 27 to January 6. Israel junior champion Nir Grinberg will participate in the Halsberg, Sweden, traditional tournament, December 27 to January

"Chess widows," who accompany their husbands to the Eilat Chess Festival at the Moon Valley Hotel at the end of January 1976, will have a special entertainment programme. The events are being arranged by the Eilat chess club in cooperation with the local Cultural and Sports Centre, the Eilat Municipality, Hapoel Sports Association, the Israel Chess Federation and the Eilat Tourism Association. The weekend festival will be open to any chess player regardless of his grade.

Police nab absentee thieves

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Two suspected thieves who allegedly sent a trucking company out to do their dirty work are being questioned by police here, after a Mekorot water company official noticed a truckdriver loading company property.

The suspects, who apparently noticed a large pile of 20-inch steel pipes lying on the dunes near where Mekorot is working here, called a trucking company and asked them to load a truck with 10 pipes and deliver them to Kfar Sava. When the trucker was questioned by a Mekorot official at the scene, he showed his order form. But Mekorot promptly called in the police, who verified that the names on the order were fictitious.

Subsidized goods up

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ported. The taxpayer therefore not only subsidises the consumer abroad but also over-consumes turkey meat.

Bread is a similar item. The subsidy here amounts to almost 100 per cent of the price paid by the consumer. The officials claim that in various places animals are fed with bread subsidised by the state.

The proposed price increases are expected to increase the consumer price index by about 6 per cent and this will add 4 per cent to the Cost-of-Living payments to be paid in April. Treasury officials yesterday suspected that the Histadrut, which undoubtedly will oppose the cut in subsidies, will demand that the C-o-L allowance be paid earlier than April.

In line with the Treasury's policy to give preference to public transport, the programme suggests only a 30 per cent increase in fares compared to the 40 per cent crease in basic commodities. I with the higher fares, the gove ment will pay more than IL50 to the transport cooperatives 1976.

The one item, sweetening pill, is the proposed reduction the price of sugar. The pres IL6 per kilo price is much ab the international price and government, which is the main porter, has been profiting from It is planned to reduce the P to IL5 per kilo, in line with Histadrut demand. It is expe to moderate Histadrut opposi to the new measures.

Originally, the Treasury plan to increase the prices of the bi commodities and public trans only in the beginning of 1 However, due to the inevit hoarding which will follow pu cation of the proposals, the dec might be taken within a few d

TREASURY PRICE PROPOSALS

	present price IL.	planned p IL
Foodstuffs — 30-40 per cent increase		
bread		
standard loaf (750 gr.)	0.85	1.20
halla	1.00	1.40
eggs (each)	0.25-0.40	0.35-0.5
milk (litre)	1.60	2.25
eshel (cup)	0.60	0.84
cooking oil (glass bottle)	2.60	3.64
margarine (200 gr.)	1.00	1.40
sugar one kilo	6.00	5.00
frozen chicken one kilo	10.00	12.00
public transport — 30 per cent increase		
urban fare	0.70	0.90
Tel Aviv-Jerusalem	9.50	12.50
Tel Aviv-Haifa	10.50	13.60
Tel Aviv-Beersheba	11.50	15.00
Jerusalem-Haifa	17.50	22.50

We share the profound grief of our Director

BENYAMIN NAVON

Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the death of his mother

KAROLINA WEISER ז"ל

The Staff of the Press Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our father, grandfather

Cantor Levy Samson Astmkar

The funeral took place on Sunday, November 23, 1975, at Kiryat Gat cemetery.

Daughters: Shoshana Talkar
Pnina Astmkar
Miriam Kharitkar
Avigail Ashtiumkar
Sheva Cheulkar

OUR DEAR

MIRIAM MAYER

(Widow of Dr. Karl Mayer ז"ל)

has died.

The funeral cortege will leave today, Monday 24.11.1975, at 12.45 from Elisha Hospital, 12 Rehov Katz, Haifa.

Dr. Michael Mayer, Yael, Noa and Ronnie
Dr. Max Tamari
and the family

We share in the sorrow of the Nadler family at the death of their son

MICHAEL ז"ל

who fell at the hands of terrorists on the Golan Heights

Fred Geron
Menachem Katzan
Natan Green
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We share the profound grief of our neighbours

Sam, Evelyn, Rebecca and Jonathan Nadler
on the tragic death of

MICHAEL ז"ל

The Community of Kiryat Hahagana

The families of number four Mevo Timna, Jerusalem,

share the grief of the Nadler family in the loss of their dear son

MICHAEL

Mandelbaum estimates:

eed IL12,000m. for nergy development

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

1 will have to invest about 0m. during the next 10 years quest for adequate energy Moshe Mandelbaum, Direc- eral of the Ministry of Com- and Industry, estimates.

rding to a study he has just ted, successful conclusion of rious fuel development pro- es already under way and for inauguration soon will re- Israel — by the late 1980s ng able to produce 40 per of its electric requirements on-petroleum sources. These include nuclear power, coal, electricity, solar energy and — as yet unnamed — sources. resent this country depends on petroleum for generating power.

rding to figures cited by Dr. baum, developed countries to- spend on petroleum for 55.4 nt of their energy needs and lear power for 3.8 per cent. er, by 1985 these figures are expected to be 43.4 per cent and 16.2 per cent, respectively.

He believes Israeli manufacturers of energy-generating equipment "will have to face important challenges" to contribute their share to the nation's drive to attain greater self-sufficiency in fuel production. As for financing, "that will not be easy," says Dr. Mandelbaum. "But here we shall be able to recruit substantial funding from international monetary sources devoted to this effort."

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in conjunction with the Electric Corporation, will attempt to channel as many orders as possible for generating machinery and equipment to local manufacturers. A joint committee has already been formed to start work.

Experts believe Israeli firms can turn out between 10 and 12 per cent of the apparatus needed to produce nuclear power, and between 30 and 40 per cent of the auxiliary equipment. In addition, they claim the construction engineering and final assembly for these nuclear power plants can be done without outside help.

Dr. Mandelbaum discloses that the joint committee has already begun to distribute detailed questionnaires among local companies which have the potential to contribute to the energy development effort. So far, 85 firms have responded to these questionnaires.

Hand in hand with these plans for developing nuclear power here, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, through its chief engineer's office, will soon embark on a fuel conservation campaign. Local industrialists will be taught how to recycle their unspent raw materials, improve their maintenance programmes and otherwise make better use of their electric supply.

'Arab up to worth

lmonella only 'rarely fatal'

mortality rate in Israel victims of Salmonellosis — poisoning caused by bacte- und in the intestinal tracts mals — is practically zero, ealth Ministry's chief epide- ist said yesterday.

announcement came to dispel rs that many of the 2,000 d cases of Salmonellosis each prove fatal. It said that, in three infants died of Sal- a food poisoning and no In 1974, one infant and nit died.

HEADSTAND. — A policeman crawls into this overturned car on Jerusalem's Rehov Tchernichovsky yesterday afternoon to collect information on the possible causes of the bizarre accident. Passers-by said the driver had somehow run into a large rock on the other side of the street, causing her car to overturn and land on this side, near the sidewalk. She was injured and taken to Hadassah Hospital. (Rahamim Israeli)

3,900-YEAR-OLD CLAY TABLET

Hatzor relic to be returned

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unusual fragment of a 3,900-year-old Babylonian cuneiform tablet — found at Tel Hatzor in 1967 by a New York schoolteacher here on his honeymoon and taken back home with him — will finally return to Israel this week.

The brown piece of clay, somewhat larger than a box of matches, is inscribed with several lines of Babylonian writing, including the word "Hatzor." (Yigael Yadin, in his book on the Hatzor digs, wrote that the fragment records a litigation involving real estate in Hatzor and another town that was adjudicated by the King of Hatzor.)

The New York schoolteacher, who apparently did not realize the value of his clay souvenir, took it back home in his suitcase. The Antiquities Department in the Education Ministry learned of the fragment's travels when the teacher brought it to archaeological experts in the U.S. to determine what it was. Since then, the department has been digging away in an attempt to retrieve the antiquity.

Avraham Biran (formerly head of the Antiquities Department and now with the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem) told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had informed New York State District Attorney Robert Morgenthau of the fragment's being "stolen from the Israel Government."

(Under the antiquities law, anyone who finds an antiquity must notify the Government and give it an opportunity to purchase it. If he takes it out of Israel without a permit, he contravenes Israeli law. He can also be charged under New York State law with possession of an object that doesn't belong to him.)

After protracted negotiations, the finder agreed to surrender the tablet fragment on condition that he remain anonymous and that all charges against him be dropped. It was returned last week to Acting Consul-General Amos Anor in New York by District Attorney Morgenthau, and will arrive here in a few days. It will probably be displayed at the Israel Museum when the department's experts complete their study of it.

Prof. Biran asserted that the clay fragment was valuable for scientific research, not necessarily for its monetary worth. It is rare, however, to find an antiquity inscribed with the name of the place where it was discovered.

KILLING A DEER with his car cost Nehemia Roman, 41, a fine of IL150 on Friday in Jerusalem Magistrates Court. Roman, who was accused of hunting down about 60 deer during 1972/73, also had to sign a guarantee of IL500 that he would not engage in the sport again.

State Comptroller finds mismanagement, breach of law

VAST DISORDERS AT AMIDAR LAID TO HOUSING MINISTRY

MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

disorders in management finances, negligence, inade- and — at times — total rd of the law have charac- much of the operation of ant real estate agent of the ment — Amidar — accord- a State Comptroller's report ed for publication today.

116-page report devotes a chapter to the major em- ment uncovered in the com- during the past year — an which led to the sentencing midar treasurer Zvi Katz to years in prison, with more s and investigations still g.

dar employs more than 1,000 s, and manages some 150,000 flats, of which it owns 80,000. dition, it is directly involved 100,000 or more flats which been sold but continue to ap- on its books because of de- in registration of ownership.

report lays much of the for Amidar's troubles at the the government officials res- le for the company (chiefly ousing Ministry), and some of objective circumstances which Amidar's tasks all but impos-

dar itself, without trying to blame, has reacted by saying already taken steps to im- nt most of the Comptroller's mendations.

was the State Comptroller's which uncovered the multi- o-pound embezzlement by Katz, r's treasurer from 1963 until ear. An examination revealed the Tel Aviv Municipality had ed a loan of IL3m. of Ami- money, through a commercial

As it looked further into the State Comptroller's Office other irregularities and re- the matter to the police.

of the irregularities found the abuse of a loan system lished by the firm to help yees purchase cars. While as to be done through approval transport committee, with re- ent by monthly deduction from the employee's pay, the treasurer often gave out loans on his own approval for purposes other than car purchase, in amounts still not known to-date because they were not recorded. Many of these loans were repaid by post-dated cheques given to the treasurer in person. At least 36 persons received such loans, according to the report. As of January 1975 the only thing verified were the outstanding balances, ranging from IL400 to IL13,000.

Among the recipients of such loans was the director-general of Amidar, Zvi Alderoty, who subsequently became chairman of the board. In February 1973 he received a IL4,000 loan — not for a car, not approved by the committee. When he left the post in August 1973 to become board chairman, he repaid the outstanding balance, and received a IL15,000 loan. The following March he arranged for a similar loan, of IL4,000, for a relative. Both were paid by post-dated cheques.

When Amidar was founded by the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund and five public contracting firms in 1949, it was meant to build homes for sale and rental to immigrants. Over the years, the Government has bought it out (the last 25 per cent of the shares, held by Keren Hayesod, were transferred to the Government this year).

Its functions also changed. It gave up the business of building and transferred the handling of mortgage loans to Bank Tefahot, in which it has shares. This still left Amidar with the gargantuan task of selling and leasing flats, managing rental property for the Housing Ministry, State Lands Administration and Shikun Ufituah, and performing upkeep and expansion work on the flats. The Housing Ministry each year allocates additional flats to Amidar for sale or rental.

Amidar's board of directors, until this year, consisted mainly of senior officials of the Housing, Finance, Interior and Absorption Ministries, with the Housing Minister as board chairman until Alderoty became chairman in 1973. During the years 1971 through 1974, the board of directors met 15 times. It never dealt with the hundreds of reports prepared by the firm's internal audit section — and these never included reports on the main office's financial department.

The Knesset Finance Committee, which dealt with Amidar in 1971, decided that the firm should undergo a major reorganization within two years, as recommended by the Productivity Institute, to streamline its operations. The reorganization was carried out only in part — but basic suggestions on decentralization and strengthening of controls were not carried out.

Among other irregularities pointed out by the Comptroller:

- Contributions of IL8,793 were made by workers to the Labour Party's election campaign fund, in the form of 288 vacation days for which the firm paid (plus paying taxes of IL4,585).
- Out of IL155m. the company was supposed to collect from rental, loan repayment and other sources, it collected only IL125m. Yet it managed to hold onto a great deal more cash than it was supposed to — having an agreement with the Accountant-General to retain no more than 20 per cent of its receipts, with the rest being submitted to the Treasury.
- Tenants not entitled to exemptions or discounts (for which the Welfare Ministry must pay Amidar) never paid rent in some cases, or were months and years behind in others — without Amidar dealing with the matter.
- Amidar failed to verify the right of tenants to exemptions or discounts on rent. Since the Comptroller's check, the matter has been turned over entirely to the Welfare Ministry.
- On the major task of upkeep, Amidar has failed to employ engineers, has not kept up its records, has permitted many buildings to be turned over by contractors incomplete or without proper repairs required by the year's guarantee, and has managed to perform essential repair work (structural and infra-structure) on only a small portion of the buildings requiring it.
- Work was sometimes awarded to contractors without a public tender, even for large contracts.
- Amidar apparently sees itself as free from the legal obligation to obtain building permits from the appropriate townplanning committees. The report cites as examples hundreds of additions built in Beersheba, Dimona and Jerusalem, for which plans were not even submitted to the city engineers — much less approved by the proper planning committees. In some cases, Amidar continued to build even after legal orders were issued to stop work.
- Many irregularities occurred in Amidar's dealings with contractors — to the latters' benefit. These included, besides the award of contracts without bids, payment of premiums (due only if work is completed ahead of time), even though the work took longer than called for in the contract.
- At the end of fiscal 1973, despite its accumulating deficits, Amidar held — according to its own records — IL31.2m. in cash, deposited in unlinked accounts. In the subsequent four months, it drew IL10m. of this sum and deposited IL17.5m. in linked accounts in five commercial banks. This was done without knowledge of the board of directors. By the end of October 1974 it had IL16.3m. more deposited with commercial banks in unlinked, term deposits, also not duly approved by the board.

After the disclosure of the embezzlement and mishandling of funds by Katz, and Alderoty's subsequent resignation, a new board of directors was appointed, with the understanding that its members, representing the various ministries, would report to their superiors on all issues.

Amidar's spokesman pointed out that many of the shortcomings pointed to by the State Comptroller have already been corrected. New procedures have been established, with a view to preventing future "faults." Among these, the internal audit system has been reinforced, and sweeping personnel changes have been made.

The new board has set up a permanent committee for control and public complaints, to oversee the work of the internal control unit, and the implementation of the State Comptroller's recommendations. For example, all Amidar receipts, except the actual sums needed on a current basis for operations, are deposited with the Accountant-General.

NOT ALL CURABLE

Not everything can be cured, however. The *ma'abarot*, partly Amidar's creation, were a force of necessity. In the 1950s, housing had to be built rapidly and cheaply, and so poor-quality flats of 35 square metres were put up. Meanwhile, families have grown; immigration, with its ups and downs, has continued; and not all immigrants have learned to maintain cleanliness and order in their yards and hallways.

Pressing needs, Amidar officials have often felt, call for quick action in adding a room to a large family's flat. Such needs, especially during the building boom years, have forced Amidar to accept apartments in buildings not entirely completed or properly inspected. The price is being paid today in needed repairs and additions. (Approval for additions is conditional on adding to or building a shelter — often at a cost greater than adding the room.)

Many citizens — or immigrants — try unsuccessfully for months to obtain a sale price quotation, while being told, at the same time, that the downpayment will hold the price fixed — though it is still unknown. The State Comptroller, as Commissioner of Public Complaints, has dealt with such complaints in every one of his annual reports to date.

But even these complaints are traceable to the "top" — price quotations are lacking because the Housing Ministry has not supplied them; Amidar's priorities are often in conflict because of the Ministry's policies.

Amidar, as the Housing Ministry's chief executive agent, needs a great deal of improvement, says the State Comptroller's report — but the implication is clear: the changes must start at the Ministry.

Gov't 'inaction' on dealing with terror victims

TEL AVIV. — The Government has failed to implement a decision to transfer the handling of compensation for civilian victims of enemy actions from the National Insurance Institute to the Defence Ministry.

This was charged yesterday at a press conference by actress Hanna Marron, chairman of the Organizations of Victims of Enemy Actions. Miss Marron — who lost a leg in a terrorist attack in Munich airport over five years ago — said that although the law made no distinction between the compensation received by soldiers disabled in war and civilians disabled in terrorist attacks, the Defence Ministry can provide benefits in the area of housing and medical treatment which the National Insurance Institute cannot.

Miss Marron and other speakers pointed out that the Government — recognizing the organization's claim that in the terrorist war against Israel there was no distinction between Israeli civilians and soldiers — had last year decided to transfer the handling of civilian cases to the ministry.

This was to have been accomplished by last August; but "for some unexplained reason," nothing has been done, they charged.

According to Ze'ev Pragel, a member of the organization's executive, pressure to prevent the transfer had been applied by "certain ministry officials" and the disabled veteran's association.

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Ze'evi heads unit to coordinate police and army

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A committee headed by Alluf Rehavam Ze'evi, the Prime Minister's adviser on counter-terrorism, has been set up to study coordination between the police and the army in combatting internal terrorism. The police are responsible for dealing with terrorism inside the country, with the aid of the army when it is required.

Informed sources were sceptical about a report that the committee has been charged with studying a proposal for the army's civil defence corps (Haga) to be transferred to the police. Under the existing arrangement, Haga units are put under police command for patrol and guard duty when required.

The proposal has come up before, but because of the need for Haga to be constantly prepared for its wartime responsibilities, it has never been implemented.

Teachers sue ministry in back-pay dispute

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union on Friday filed suit against the Ministry of Education, the latest development in the two-year-old dispute over the irregularities in the payment of teachers' salaries for the 1973/74 school year.

The suit, filed at the National Labour Court in Jerusalem, accuses the ministry of breach of contract. It asks that each teacher receive back-pay linked to the Cost-of-Living Index and that they also be compensated for interest lost on the money.

The union also seeks IL500,000 in damages, to be divided among the teachers inconvenienced by the irregularities.

The dispute developed when the ministry switched to different computers in the autumn of 1973. Many teachers received advances on their salaries instead of full pay. As yet, the ministry has been unable to set a date when the back pay for the 1973/74 school year will be paid, although teachers are now receiving payment for the 1974/75 school year.

Shalom Levin, secretary of the union, maintained that it is unfair to punish the teachers twice for the ministry's shortcomings — first for the delays and second because the back-pay is now worth much less than it would have been had it been paid on time.

Levin added that it was decided to take the matter to court rather than call a teachers' strike because of current conditions in the country.

Meir's jewellery to be auctioned for soldiers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Golda Meir's jewellery will be auctioned off at a gala dinner arranged by the Soldiers Welfare association at the Ramada-Continental Hotel tomorrow. Former Prime Minister Meir had donated her jewellery to the soldiers association during the Yom Kippur War.

The lot includes a necklace, a gilt wristwatch, a silver pin, and a gold chain with a medallion. Each item will be accompanied by a personal letter from Mrs. Meir, congratulating the buyer for helping the soldiers.

In all, 23 items will be sold at the IL100-a-plate dinner.

Ramat Gan to get parking cards

RAMAT GAN.—Municipal parking inspectors may soon be able to ticket offenders parking in areas that until now were subject only to police control, it was decided at a meeting Thursday between Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Mayor Israel Peled.

The minister also promised to help the municipality switch over from parking meters to parking cards similar to those used in Tel Aviv.

Other measures discussed were the construction of traffic lights at Kikar Atzma'ut, parking lots for trucks to keep them from parking in residential areas; and improving the appearance of Rehov Modi'in.

AN UNLICENSED dairy, Ro'ei Ha'emek, run by the moshav Mishmar Ayalon, was ordered shut down on Friday by the Ramle district health officer. The order to halt operations said the dairy had been producing unpasteurized cheese.

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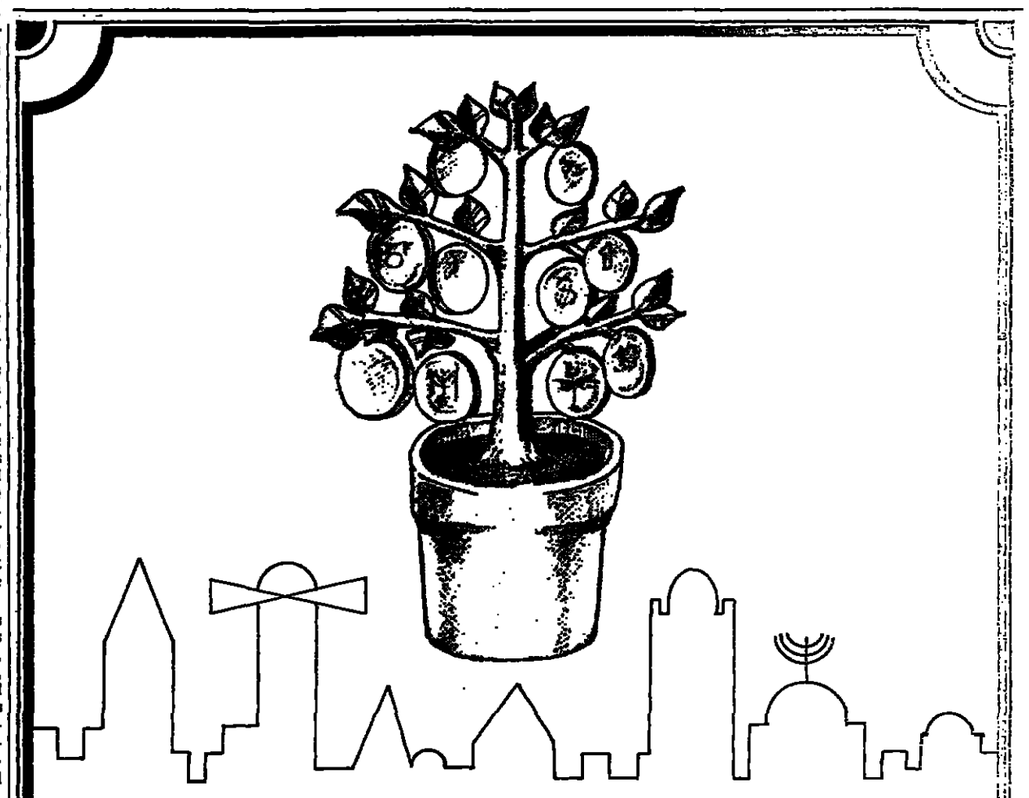

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The Nile valley is astonishingly fertile and Nasser's land reforms were apparently quite successful. Then why are Egyptian village people so poor? In this instalment from the diary he kept during a recent trip to Egypt, Hebrew University economist DR. DAVID MORAWETZ says that instead of trying to create jobs and raise incomes in the cities, it would surely be better to try to improve the standard and quality of life in the villages.

SEPT. 20, 1975. — The train trip from Cairo to Luxor begins at 7 a.m., takes 12 hours, and is an education in itself. Geography and its influence on economics and history, the economics of development in an over-populated country, technology through the ages — they are all there for the learning.

The railway, like the road, follows the Nile. A stylized coloured map of Egypt would be more or less square in shape. It would have a single blue line (the Nile) running north-south slightly right of centre, a narrow green strip (cultivated and populated land) paralelling it on either side, and yellow (desert) everywhere else.

The Nile valley is astonishingly fertile — everything seems to be growing there. Cotton, maize, rice, wheat, oil seeds, dates, jute, sugar cane, beans, onions — all are present, and all look as strong and healthy as any crops I have seen. The green fields contrast sharply with the poverty of the villages. The houses are of mud and mud-brick, of about the same standard as the abandoned refugee camp near Jericho.

Animals and humans provide the dominant sources of transport and energy; I saw only one tractor, travelling 670 kms. Ploughing is normally done with a one-prong wooden implement tended by a man and pulled by two bullocks. Paintings in the tombs of the nobles in Luxor show exactly the same technique being used 4,000 years ago. Harvesting seems to be done mostly by hand. Bullocks moving in a circle thresh wheat with their feet, and the wheat is separated from the chaff by throwing it up in the air. Corn is removed from the cob by hand, and ground by human or animal power. Donkeys, donkey-carts, camels, and the occasional truck take goods and people to and from the fields. Some people transport goods on their heads.

MAN AND BUCKET

Irrigation techniques also go back thousands of years. In one method, a man with a bucket transfers water from a wide irrigation canal to the small channel serving his field. He is helped by a rough wooden pendulum-like affair which makes it easier for him to lift the bucket, heavy when full. But essentially there is just a man and a bucket, and it takes him hours to make any significant progress.

A more modern technique uses animals (bullocks, camels, or water buffalo) to turn a metal "water wheel" or an Archimedean metal screw-in-pipe, which performs the same task as man-plus-bucket. Still more modern is a simple portable diesel pump of East European make which the government has been distributing widely and inexpensively, and which appears to do the same job in a fraction of the time. I did not keep count, but I would guess that the man-and-bucket combination was the one that I saw most often.

Nasser's land reforms were in the end apparently quite successful; most people appear to own the small piece of land which they work. Then why are people so poor? The trouble seems to be simply that there is not enough land per person. I begin to understand a bit better (in the gut rather than in the head) why it is so dificult to stop the flow of people from villages to towns; in the case of Egypt at least, it is not so much the lure of city lights as a shortage of land as things are organized at present. Anyone who stays in the village knows he will be poor, and maybe even hungry, all his life.

Until recently, a country like Egypt has set about developing itself by industrializing, hoping thereby to absorb surplus village population in the towns. But large-scale industry does not usually employ many people. And for every few it employs it disemploys others producing the same goods in small urban workshops, while still others are attracted from the village to the city by the creation of more urban jobs. Cairo already has seven million people, with surely over half a million unemployed. How long can this process go on?

It seems to me, as a two-week expert, that the emphasis is wrong. Instead of trying to create jobs and raise incomes in the cities, it would surely be better to try to improve the standard and quality of life in the villages. Digging more irrigation canals to increase the area under cultivation, bringing electricity to the villages, building stronger houses, constructing better access roads to the fields, improving the supply of drinking water — all of these are employment-creating and income-generating activities which would help improve life in the villages and, hopefully, stem the flow to the cities.

Construction and distribution of more metal water-wheels (or simple pumps) to replace the man-and-his-bucket would immediately generate some rural surplus labour. So would pooling the land and working it communally, or distributing slightly improved implements for harvesting, threshing, and so on.

These types of simple implements and machines could easily be produced by the hundreds of small backyard workshops which already exist in the "informal sector" in the towns, bringing another section of the poor into the development process. The government could assure that small rather than large producers provide the goods by giving priority in purchases to small enterprises, or to firms which act as agents for at least a minimum number of subcontractors. The implements and machines being simple, farmers could easily be shown how to repair and maintain them themselves. Or small repair shops might grow up in village areas, as might other small rural industries and workshops (tool-making, furniture-making etc).

Rapid industrialization creates a small number of jobs for a privileged group of people located mainly in the big cities, and inevitably fails to solve the urban unemployment problem as more and more people are pushed or attracted from the villages into the cities.

Such a radical change in strategy would not be without its problems. The urban upper and middle classes would not like it and they are important supporters of the government. Some way would have to be found to bring them into the development process too, perhaps through exports of more modern goods. Whatever else is true, surely it must be clear by now that urban-centred industrialization alone cannot solve the development problem in a country as poor and underdeveloped as Egypt.

NAKED YOUTHS

Enough of theorizing, back to the train window. Next time I teach that exercise about three men working on field A and two men on field B, I will be thinking of these fields.

A group of women wash clothes, dishes, and cooking pots in the irrigation canal while some naked youths go for a swim. Clean clothes and utensils are placed on metal trays, which the women carry on their heads up the dusty track.

Men squat in groups of two or three in the little available shade under a tree. The temperature is over 35 degrees centigrade and it is still Ramadan, so these people are neither eating nor drinking. It's a tough life in the village. It almost never rains around here.

A woman dressed in black and her gamoos (water buffalo) come down to the river. The animal lumbers in slowly and luxuriously up to his shoulders, like an old man easing himself gently into a cool bath on a hot day. The woman washes her feet, then splashes water on to her companion's back. They seem to get on well together. Another woman hoists a kerosene tin full of water onto her shoulder and laboriously carries it up the hill. Maybe she lives far from the village tap.

The first-class train carriage is embarrassingly comfortable — there was no seat to be had on second-class for several days, so I am forced to travel in style. Reclining, padded aircraft-type seats, air-conditioning, lots of leg-room — looking out of the window is like watching a historical movie in a plush cinema. The passengers in first class are mostly well- and Western-dressed, and there is about as much communciation among them as there is among passengers on the London underground.

I talk briefly with an army electrical engineer who speaks a little English. The agreement?

"Dr. Kissinger is a good man. It is good."

What about the Palestinians? I am not sure if he understood — in any case, he changes the subject. Later he sees a map open on my knees, points to Sinai, and says with a grin:

"Our land." *(To be continued)*

Most foreign heads of state absent from funeral

Emotional farewell to Franco

MADRID. — Tens of thousands of Spaniards bade General Francisco Franco an emotional farewell yesterday as he was buried in a basilica he had built for soldiers who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Massing at the Valley of the Fallen, a bleak wind-swept hill north of Madrid, war veterans and young Falangists sang the Falange anthem "Face to the Sun" as King Juan Carlos, Franco's chosen heir, followed the coffin into the basilica built into the mountainside.

A single cry of "Long Live the King" rose over the chants of "Long Live Franco," but no voice was raised against the new chief of state, pledged to liberal reform.

King Hussein of Jordan, Prince Rainier of Monaco and General Augusto Pinochet of Chile were the only chiefs of state attending the funeral. Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller represented the U.S. Most governments sent low-level officials so as not to give Franco the blessing in death his fascist regime had been denied during his 36-year rule.

At a requiem mass earlier in Madrid's Oriente Square, thousands of mourners chanting Franco's name had waved white hankerchiefs in farewell.

King Juan Carlos, wrapped against the cold in a heavy army overcoat, watched impassively as Franco's troops paraded before his mahogany coffin, surmounted by a crucifix.

Franco's wife of 52 years, Dona Carmen Polo de Franco, did not see him buried. The 75-year-old widow, accompanied by Juan Carlos' wife Sofia, withdrew to her Pardo Palace after the mass.

The coffin was placed on a gun carriage and escorted by mounted lancers of the ceremonial guard for the 58 km. journey to the Valley of the Fallen.

More than 100,000 rightists waited outside the basilica, hung with black-and-red Falangist flags as an abbot recited a prayer and blessed Franco's coffin, draped in the Spanish flag.

Juan Carlos, his eyes dark-rimmed, stood near Franco's daughter, Carmen Martinez-Bordiu, and several of the general's grandchildren.

Before the coffin was lowered into a deep grave behind the main altar of the basilica, Franco's Justice Minister, Jose Maria Sanchez Ventura, asked the general's two palace heads: "Do you swear that the body in this coffin is that of Francisco Franco Bahamonde?"

Each replied: "Yes, it is. I swear it." Both were weeping.

One major surprise in yesterday's solemn ceremonies was the vast numbers who turned out in the wintry weather for a last look at Franco in his coffin. It was estimated that some 300,000 passed the bier in 47 hours.

Observers said this indicated that Juan Carlos may have inherited a more popular political base than had been suggested, and could use this to push his programme on the long road from dictatorship to democracy.

The Spanish press yesterday praised Juan Carlos' inaugural speech of Saturday, underlining the King's appeal for unity among the various regions and political factions.

In Athens, Santiago Carilla, the Spanish Communist leader, said in an interview to the correspondent of the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug that within a few weeks or months the democratic forces of Spain would turn up with a formula "that will prevail."

(AP, Reuter, UPI)

King Juan Carlos I places his hand on the Bible as he is sworn in as King of Spain in a Madrid ceremony on Saturday. In foreground are the crown and sceptre of Spanish royalty. (AP radiophoto)

One thousand terrorists charged this year in Ulster

LONDON (AP). — Merlyn Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in a statement released in London yesterday that more than 1,000 people have been charged with terrorist offences in Northern Ireland so far this year, and that more than 100 terrorists are now serving life sentences in Northern Ireland prisons.

Rees made the statement after the weekend killing by Irish Republican Army gunmen of three British soldiers in South Armagh. "There has never been a ceasefire in South Armagh for a variety of reasons, the nature of the IRA there, the nature of the people," said Rees. "It is an unusual area — there is little support for the security forces in South Armagh."

Rees insisted that his programme of releasing from detention people suspected of terrorism but against whom there has been insufficient evidence for a trial "is not trying to buy off terrorism."

He added: "The release of detainees has nothing to do with violence in the bandit country of South Armagh. There is wholesale gangsterism there. It can and will be dealt with by the security forces more quickly when the local population of South Armagh co-operates with the forces of law and order."

The three young soldiers shot dead on a cold windswept hill while watching for any guns or arms being smuggled into Northern Ireland were packing up ready to return to base when the Provisional IRA struck, according to reports reaching London yesterday.

The reports gave this account. For two nights they had huddled under bushes and had found nothing.

Then the gunmen struck. The soldiers' radio was damaged and they were unable to call for help so they tried to fight it out.

Ford wants Moynihan to stay on

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Ford wants Daniel Moynihan to stay on as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations but has told him to come down from New York to talk things over today after reports that he was about to quit, a White House spokesman said Saturday.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said the Ford-Moynihan meeting was arranged because both men indicated a desire to discuss the situation. Asked if Moynihan would continue as U.S. Ambassador, he said, "The President certainly wants him to" and that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger felt the same way.

Moynihan has been under increasing attack by so-called Third World countries for his outspoken attacks on the "automatic majority" in the UN. Last week, another public attack on the Ambassador came from a friendly country, Britain, when Ambassador Ivor Richards likened him to a Savanarola preaching revenge, cowboy Wyatt Earp thirsting for shoot-outs and King Lear threatening "terrors of the earth." Richards did not mention Moynihan by name, but it was clear to whom he was referring.

After much publicity about Mr. Richards' speech, and charges that it had been orchestrated by Moynihan's enemies in the State Department, probably Secretary Kissinger himself, the British yesterday denied the speech was aimed at Moynihan at all. A spokesman said the suggestion that the speech had prior American approval was "nonsense" and that the speech "in no way should be construed as a personal attack on the U.S. permanent representative, with whom Ambassador Richard wishes to maintain the closest working relationship.

"If there are differences between the approaches of the two missions toward the UN, these are differences of tactics, not of aims," the spokesman said.

'Al Ahram' doesn't want Cardin in the Antiquities Museum

CAIRO (UPI). — "Al Ahram" newspaper yesterday criticized an alleged plan that would allow fashion designer Pierre Cardin to set up a boutique in the garden of the Cairo Antiquities Museum.

In a brief item written by editor Mahmoud Kamal and laced with sarcasm, "Al Ahram" referred to the country's new "open-door" liberalization policy of inviting investments abroad as perhaps going too far in this case.

"With all due respect to Mr. Pierre Cardin and his world-famous clothes," the newspaper said, "I do not believe the degree of the open-door policy goes as far as to allow Mr. Cardin to open a boutique in the famous museum.

"It would have been better if he had opened the shop in the Louvre in Paris," it said.

Abdel Ader Selim, director of the museum which houses some of the most celebrated of Egyptian antiquities including the collection of Tutankhamen, said an investigation into the plan was under way.

"I don't know how this was announced," he said.

"Al Ahram" had reported earlier that Cardin's boutique would be placed in the garden next year, along with other shops. The Department of Antiquities turned down a proposal earlier in the year to set up a Swiss restaurant there.

Accord tipped balance towards Israel—Hussein

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan was quoted here yesterday as saying that the interim Sinai agreement between Egypt and Israel had tipped the Middle East balance of power in Israel's favour.

In an interview in the magazine "U.S. News and World Report," King was quoted as saying the pact had left Israel with the upper hand. It quoted the monarch as stating he opposed the agreement because it required a renunciation of the right to use force and left too much uncertainty on future moves in the Middle East.

The King, interviewed in Amman, said the American commitment to supply Israel with arms "causes us all to feel that if a military balance had existed in the area, between the Arabs and Israel, it had been tipped in Israel's favour in "an unprecedented manner."

The U.S. recently agreed to sell Jordan buy 14 batteries of advanced Hawk-type ground-to-air missiles, but Jordan has not yet accepted U.S. condition's to the sale.

But King Hussein said he felt "very strongly" that Israel's proposal to obtain U.S. Pershing ground-to-ground missiles that would put Arab capitals within firing range "may not be in the interest of peace, or progress toward it."

"In point of fact, it may be a threat not only to peace in the area, but maybe in the whole world," he was quoted as saying.

France seeks ties with unified Vietnam

PARIS (UPI). — A French delegation will leave today for Hanoi to pave the way for France to become the first Western country to establish diplomatic relations with a unified Vietnam.

The delegation headed by Geoffroy de Courcel, secretary-general at the Foreign Ministry, will arrive in North Vietnam on the heels of a conference in Saigon that launched the two war-torn nations on the path of unification last week.

France, which once colonized Vietnam, wishes to become the Western power of influence in Vietnam between the Soviet Union and China, Foreign Ministry officials said.

French loan of $170m. to aid Egypt projects

CAIRO (UPI). — France has agreed to extend Egypt a loan of $170m. to finance projects and credit facilities in 1976, the Cairo press said yesterday.

Newspapers said $170m. will go to finance five projects at an interest rate of 3.5 per cent. The remainder will help finance credit facilities for Egyptian importers at a rate of 8 per cent.

The two-part loan, signed on Saturday, tops this year's allotments by $70m.

The five projects include second stage construction on the Abukir electric power station, telecommunications facilities, setting up a hydrogen producing unit near Alexandria and a methylene plant at Tanta in the Nile Delta and improvement of civil air-traffic control, the newspapers said.

The loan will be paid back over 25 years after a five-year period of grace, they said.

Uncommitted Aussies favour Whitlam

SYDNEY (Reuter). — Former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam officially launches the Labour Party's election campaing today, buoyed by the results of an opinion poll indicating a majority of uncommitted voters in his favour.

The results of the poll released yesterday showed that 56 per cent of the uncommitted voters believed the Labour Party deserved to win the December 13 election, compared with 29 per cent which favoured the Liberal-National Country Coalition.

Whitlam, sacked by Governor-General Sir John Kerr as Prime Minister on November 11, will launch his party's campaign with a rally at a Sydney park and a national radio and television address from Melbourne.

"The whole thrust of what I have to say is to ask people to allow us to complete the three-year programme which they have twice endorsed," Whitlam said. He added that the central issue would be the way he was sacked.

The latest opinion poll showed that uncommitted voters, who could decide the election, saw the constitutional crisis as the crucial issue. Events surrounding the dismissal of Whitlam outnumbered economic problems two-to-one as the top issue, according to the poll.

The Prime Minister of the caretaker government, Malcolm Fraser, will launch the Liberal-Country campaign with a policy speech based on the economic issues in Melbourne tomorrow night. Political observers believe Fraser will devote much of his speech to the ways by which his coalition government would get the economy moving again. He is likely to repeat his promise to drastically cut government expenditure to reallocate resources to the sagging private sector.

PEKING. — Chinese Vice Premier Hua Kuo-feng had a "friendly" talk in Peking yesterday with a delegation of French atomic energy commission officials, according to a Peking broadcast in Tokyo.

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Michael Lance Carvin, 20, who allegedly pointed a toy gun at Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan in Miami last Thursday, arrives at the Broward County courthouse, near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Friday. He will be examined by court psychiatrists tomorrow. (AP radiophoto)

Clash between Lisbon and provinces

Northern troops want leftists out of army

LISBON (Reuter). — Portugal's northern army units yesterday threw their weight behind a demand for an immediate purge of leftists from the country's military *commands to overcome the current* crisis — in which the more revolutionary capital is being increasingly pitted against the more conservative provinces.

The north's stand comes close on *the heels of a protest by the* main fighting units stationed around Lisbon at the way in which the capital's leftist, and mostly non-combatant, regiments sabotaged an attempt to name a leading moderate as head of the Lisbon military region.

The appointment of Captain Vasco Lourenco to replace the radical General Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho in the key Lisbon post was viewed by the moderates as an essential step to reinforce the government's authority. The cabinet has been refusing to carry out its duties since last Thursday in protest at lack of support from the military — especially in the capital.

A spokesman at the northern military headquarters yesterday said it was possible the north would ask to come under the direct orders of President Francisco da Costa Gomes, in order to cut all links with the Copcon internal security command, which General Carvalho also heads.

Right-wing commandos stationed outside Lisbon — formerly part of a stillborn Special Intervention *Group under the President's orders* — Saturday asked to continue under General Costa Gomes's direct command after the group was dissolved to appease the left-wing.

The head of the commandos, Col. Jaime Neves, last week volunteered to remove any politically-biased military commanders in order to help the government rule the country. In a television interview he also suggested sending his highly-disciplined troops to take control *of all left-wing newspapers and* radio stations.

The northern military region early yesterday issued a statement of complete support for Colonel Neves's views. It was read out to thousands of cheering Socialists demonstrating against Communism and in support of the government and the tough northern military commander, Brigadier Antonio Pires Veloso.

Colonel Neves Saturday night led an attack on General Carvalho by the Lisbon area fighting units for the way he had given in to the demands of leftist officers and refused to hand over power to Captain Lourenco. General Carvalho later described the meeting as a frank exchange of views.

Signed away rights for $130 in 1938

Creators of Superman destitute

NEW YORK (AP). — Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster were shy, thin youths with glasses in 1933 when they created the man of steel who would become a multi-million dollar hero: Superman. They are old men today, living on pennies, comic book memories and hopes that Superman's *owners will grant them a* pension "so we can live in dignity."

They have no royalties because they signed over their rights to Superman in 1938 for $130.

"We need Superman's help. He never forgot the little man," says Shuster, a 61-year-old bachelor who lives in an apartment in New York and keeps house for his brother. He is blind in one eye.

Shuster first drew Superman, gave him his blue suit, red cape, and the "S" emblazoned on his chest — "for Siegel and Shuster."

"The originators of the world's greatest superhero are the victims of a cruel injustice which cries out to become known and to be remedied," says Siegel, also 61, a $7,000-a-year mail clerk in Los Angeles.

Siegel conceived Superman, child of the planet Krypton, who could leap tall buildings at a single bound, stop express trains and catch bullets.

"We were shy little kids with glasses — the kind who read the comic book body-building ads," Shuster says. "I guess Superman was our wish fulfilment. He was the greatest hero of all. He was everything we weren't and wanted to be."

They were 17-year-old high school students in Cleveland when they came up with Superman. For six years they tried unsuccessfully to sell the idea to publishers who thought it was a fantastic loser.

In 1938 they landed with a small comic book company, Detective Comics, which paid $130 an episode — $10 a page.

Siegel and Shuster waged losing legal battles for more than 30 years with Superman's publishers. They *won recognition that they created* Superman, not ownership.

Help apparently is on the way. Warner Communications Inc., parent company of Superman's National Periodicals Inc., says it will help the two men who earned the company millions.

"I've heard of their terrible plight," says Jay Emmett, executive vice president of Warner. "I don't think we have a legal obligation, but we do have a compassionate and a moral obligation and we certainly will do something.

LUCRATIVE SPINOFFS

"I don't know exactly what we will do, but probably we will give them some annual income, like a pension," he said. "Over the years they were paid hundreds of thousands of dollars... They got royalties, but I don't know the amount."

Siegel and Shuster say they received some newspaper syndication money but no royalties from the *multi-million-dollar comic book* series, television shows and other lucrative spinoffs. They say they received only an occasional Christmas bonus.

Siegel says that while they worked on Superman from 1938 to 1948 they grossed about $200,000 each. But "while Superman was earning hundreds of millions of dollars for the owners — comic books, newspaper strips, television, radio, a Broadway show, toys, costumes, everything — the creators got virtually nothing," he says.

The latest blow came when they learned that Alexander Salkind will produce a new movie, "Superman."

"We don't get a cent, not even a credit line," Siegel says. "And without us, there would be no Superman movie.

"I don't think anyone ever created a property that was so successful — and has had to hang on to life by their fingernails."

"We signed away the rights for $130, the price of a single episode. We didn't even get paid for the character or the idea," says Shuster.

"We were naive," he says. "We were told that they would take care of us, that as long as Superman made money, we would, too.

"Most people think we must be millionaires," says Shuster.

"We admit we have no legal claim. All we are asking is a fair and equitable pension so we can spend the rest of our lives in dignity and financial security."

Siegel says he can't bear to watch the old Superman television series and it pains him to see kids reading comic books on the man of steel.

"I have mixed feelings," he says. "I am almost physically ill when *I think of all we lost, yet I'm* proud that our character, who really does stand for good, has been an inspiration to American youth."

Shuster said that in 1966 he stood on the sidewalk on the opening night of the Broadway musical, "Superman." "I couldn't afford the price of a premiere ticket," he said. "I just huddled out there, while the celebrities arrived and everyone gawked at them. I couldn't get in to see our own creation."

Yariv to stay two ...more weeks in U.S.

...rusalem Post Correspondent

...INGTON. — Knesset Member ...n Yariv, who spent all last ... meeting with various Con...men and their aides justifying ...dministration's $1,500m. mill... ...id request for Israel, has de... to remain here for at least ...r two weeks, and possibly ... continuing his campaign.

Accord... balance ... Israel ...owing the 10-day Thanks... holiday recess by the Con... which started on Friday, Ya... ...ill begin meetings with Se...

Last week, he met indi... ...y with about 20 key Repre...ives, most of them members ... International Relations and ...priations committees.

... has also been scheduled to ... several appearances on be... ...f Israel Bonds and the United ... Appeal in the New York ...ea.

...v and other Israeli officials ...are seriously concerned over ...te of the military aid bill for ... They are upset over the ...ing testimony offered earlier ...month by the Central Intel...e Agency and the Defence De...ent alleging that Israel was in a superior military position in relation to the Arab states, and that Israel was improving at a faster pace in the arms balance.

A former head of Israeli military intelligence, Yariv has been telling Congressmen that Arab military power has been substantially increasing vis-a-vis Israel's, and over the next five years the arms ratio will be decisively against Israel, even if Israel receives all the aid it requests from the U.S.

Congress opened debate on the foreign aid bill earlier this month, and final passage of a bill is not expected until early next year. The respective *House and Senate* Appropriations and Foreign Relations committees are currently holding hearings.

Yariv told Israeli reporters on Friday that there was absolutely no truth to reports in Jerusalem that Prime Minister Rabin asked him to come to Washington to spearhead the campaign in an effort to groom him as a possible successor for Ambassador Simha Dinitz.

Rabin had asked Yariv to come to Washington on a Thursday, and by the next Sunday he was aboard a plane.

Norway, Soviet talks on sharing the Barents Sea

OSLO (Reuter). — Norway and the Soviet Union reopen negotiations here today on how to share a vast area of potential oil and natural gas riches in the Barents Sea continental shelf, stretching into the Arctic.

The problems facing the expert delegations of the two countries, resuming deadlocked negotiations from Moscow 12 months ago, concern the drawing of a dividing line in a region of great strategic importance to the Warsaw Pact as well as to Nato, of which Norway is a member.

Observers here said there was uneasiness that a dispute between *Norway and the Soviet Union over* the Barents Sea could be developing.

Last September, the Soviet Union aptly illustrated the delicate setting for the Oslo negotiations when rocket tests were carried out in an area of the Barents Sea, claimed by both countries.

As the tests took place in international waters, Norway could only express official "concern," but officials here said they constituted a strong-arm tactical move as a prelude to the talks.

The negotiations, which are open-ended, are purely legal and technical. But it was generally believed here the Soviet side would like them to be raised to a higher level, opening the way for talks on a political package deal later.

The Norwegian basis for dividing the continental shelf in the Barents Sea is the Geneva 1958 continental shelf convention, to which both countries are parties. It stipulates that the line should be drawn in accordance with the principle of equidistance.

The Soviet side has submitted a series of arguments for an arrangement based on "special circumstances," also contained in the Geneva convention.

The actual difference in the sea area produced by the arguments of the two parties is 155,000 square kms. or half the size of Norway.

Nothing has been said officially about the Moscow talks, but it was generally believed here that the strategic importance of the Barents Sea and the Spitzbergen Islands were heavily stressed by the Soviet side.

The biggest concentration of Soviet naval forces including 175 submarines — of which 90 are nuclear — is based on the Kola Peninsula — bordering the Barents Sea, and, according to Western experts, the sea is a potential launching pad for a second nuclear strike force directed against the U.S.

...ew Yorkers rally today to aid penniless city

...W YORK (AP). — Broadway ...rquees will carry the message ...w York is United." Leonard ...nstein will conduct his hit ...w tune, "New York, New ..." A huge balloon will soar ...t with a banner reading, "New ...k We Love You."

This outpouring of civic boost...m, which many New Yorkers ...ht have scoffed at in their ...'s more affluent days, will take ...ce today at high noon in ...nes Square. The "New Yorkers ...tted Day Rally" was called to ...onstrate the support of its ...ens for aid to the financially ...ped city as it nears the high ... decision over default.

...r Abraham Beame's office ...celebrities who will be there ... director-comedian Woody ... comedienne Anne Meara, ... Zero Mostel and Dustin ...man and actresses Helen ...es, Gwen Verdon and Anne ...son.

...n Albany, meanwhile, fram...ng by political differences, the New York State legislature abandoned efforts on Saturday to push through $200m. in tax increases for New York City before today. The delay threatened to unravel Governor Hugh Carey's plan to avoid default by the city next month.

The legislators said they would take up the tax raises tomorrow, but Carey said he feared that could be "to late to avert bankruptcy" because the city needs a quick decision from President Ford on whether Ford will support federal aid for the city.

The President said last week he would decide early this week if New York State had taken enough "further steps" to justify federal loan guarantees or other aid for the financially strapped metropolis.

After day-long negotiations on Saturday, legislative leaders gave up trying to meet objections of Republicans and black and Puerto Rican Democrats who were holding up action.

Near-riot at U.S. Democrat parley

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP). — Democrats planning their 1976 campaign seemed agreed on Saturday that U.S. economic problems is the issue which will beat Republicans. But a howling crowd outside said they ought to be thinking more about the issue of busing school children as a means of achieving racial integration.

Several thousand demonstrators, *more than the number of delegates* inside at the National Democratic Issues Convention, milled outside in defiance of a demonstration permit which would have kept them at least a block away.

...OU EN-LAI CAN'T LEAVE HIS BED

...NG (Reuter). — A senior ... official has told a Japanese ... that Premier Chou En-lai ...fined to bed, diplomatic sources ...ed yesterday.

... said that Toshio Komoto, ...'s Minister of International ... and Industry, asked about ...emier's health while in Peking last week. He was told by Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Li Chiang that 77-year-old Chou could not leave bed, the sources added.

Chou, fighting bad health for 19 months, has received no foreign visitors since early September and his last public appearance was more than a year ago.

The Koah mission didn't forget

PHILADELPHIA group of ...JA Koah Mission did not for... *the Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund. ... they stopped off in London, ...n Leader Alon H. Molad ...ack a cheque for $180. Their ...on was in ho... of "those Is... who died in ... Zion Square ...ng," which ... place while ... were in Jeru...

...how we knew ... Rose Lieber... of Gesher Ha... ould not upset ... tradition of ...g dolls to the Toy Fund. ...ent eight of her favourite ... (the parcel only arrived yes...) with an apology for hav...pent so long in the U.S. ...e she raised IL2,696.92 for ... reported last Friday) she ...o time to make her wonder... ...llection of dolls' clothes this ...

...d Katz has been sending his ...ion from Zurich for the past ...years, always noting that he ...temporarily in Switzerland. ...back home for good," he ..., "and happy to send you ...hare from Tel Aviv."

...ations that came in yester... ...amounted to IL6,003 bringing ...otal so far to IL65,236.57. ... five days left to the first ...kka candle. Act today, please.

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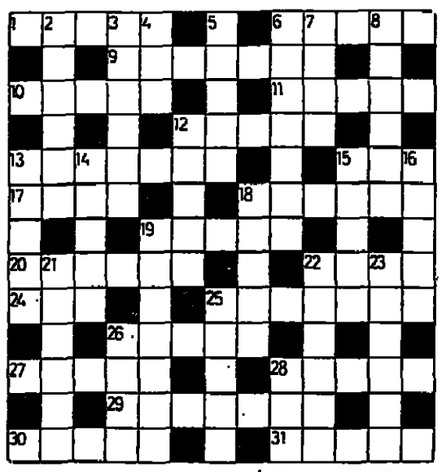

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Sticking to one form of alloy (5)
6 Sling away a machine part (5)
9 Gun-mettle! (7)
10 Girl apt to gamble? (5)
11 Vital part of an orang? (5)
12 Red Colonel? (5)
13 People like you (7)
15 Border of the mainland (3)
17 Joint, needless to say (4)
18 Some warning that there's a bee about (6)
19 It's made for mounting (5)
20 Tongue inspector? (6)
22 Team very amusingly split? (4)
24 A long way from the Faroes (3)
25 What the railmen did to snub Heath? (7)
26 Steel from heaven? (5)
27 Black and blue numerals (5)
28 Left a drink (5)
29 Time of some pronounced pleasure (7)
30 Think about the young (5)
31 Though upstanding, may be shady types (5)

DOWN

2 Order Ron to be king (6)
3 It may be in a cave doing a lively shuffle (6)
4 Aly's turn to be an egg producer (3)
5 Shakespeare's testaments? (5)
6 Coroner's alternative line (7)
7 That woman's 500 animals (4)
8 Huntsman's drink? (6)
12 This, BR can serve hot (5)
13 Boat in which a gunner gets a bit puffed (5)
14 Harold's watch? (5)
15 As worn in the force? (5)
16 Measured out, me boy! (5)
18 A bite out of the coast (5)
19 Made too hot and wet (7)
21 Soldier's landing-place for a weapon (6)
22 A shooting man (6)
23 Certain amount of education (6)
25 Does it make you feel clever? (5)
26 What Lois is crazy about on the farm (4)
28 Sculpture, perhaps, from the Parthenon (3)

Feiler's Cryptic solution

ACROSS.—3, Epics. 8, Stray. 10, Hitch. 11, Ent. 12, Do-Nut. 13, Punch up. 15, Se-V-en. 18, Hub. 19, RE-side. 21, Retired. 22, A-jar. 23, Peat. 24, Lucifer. 26, Path-O-s. 29, Sin(G). 31, Aryan. 32, Pitcher. 34, Idiot. 35, Ian. 36, Lent-O. 37, Al-lay. 38, Inset.

DOWN.—1, Strut. 2, Watcher (watcher). 4, FRO-p. 5, Cha-S.E.-d. 6, Sites. 7, AC-Ted. 9, RUN (rev.). 12, Dubbed. 14, Hut. 16, Viper. 17, New-ts. 19, Revisit. 20, Z-amp-a. 21, Batty. 23, Pencils. 24, London(pride). 25, Fit. 27, ArMed. 28, Haiti. 30, Pea-Ni. 32, Pop-E. 33, Hall(f).

Friday's Easy solution

ACROSS.—3, Chess. 8, Fewer. 10, Cello. 11, Tan. 12, Screw. 13, Ransack. 15, Never. 18, Use. 19, Serene. 21, Happens. 22, Heal. 23, Blue. 24, Trifles. 26, Writhe. 29, Tar. 31, Later. 32, Sedated. 34, Mayor. 35, Tow. 36, Limps. 37, Depth. 38, Think.

DOWN.—1, Petal. 2, Sensual. 4, Black. 5, Scenes. 6, Sewer. 7, Allen. 9, Wan. 12, Soapire. 14, Asp. 16, Veils. 17, Refer. 18, Sculptor. 20, Shawl. 21, Habit. 23, Berated. 24, Thrash. 25, Lad. 27, Rapid. 28, Tempt. 30, Newts. 32, Soon. 33, Top.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Sheen (5)
6 Jammed (5)
9 Creeps (7)
10 Contempt (5)
11 Burial chamber (5)
12 Walker (5)
13 American legislator (7)
15 Trophy (3)
17 Particle (4)
18 Lampoon (6)
19 Decoration (5)
20 Glossy paint (6)
22 Catalogue (4)
24 Mournful (3)
25 Sausage (7)
26 Pungent vegetable (5)
27 Tripod (5)
28 Peculiarly (5)
29 Blame (7)
30 Command (5)
31 Newly married woman (5)

DOWN

2 Ornamental case (6)
3 Flow (6)
4 Wickedness (3)
5 Step (5)
6 A few (7)
7 Emperor (4)
8 Hue (6)
12 Squalid dwelling (6)
13 Wise men (5)
14 Wanderer (5)
15 Polite (5)
16 Trivial (5)
18 Lucifer (5)
19 Flow aimlessly (7)
21 Gossip (6)
22 Chief (6)
23 Dirty (6)
25 Pickle (5)
26 Formerly (4)
28 Globe (3)

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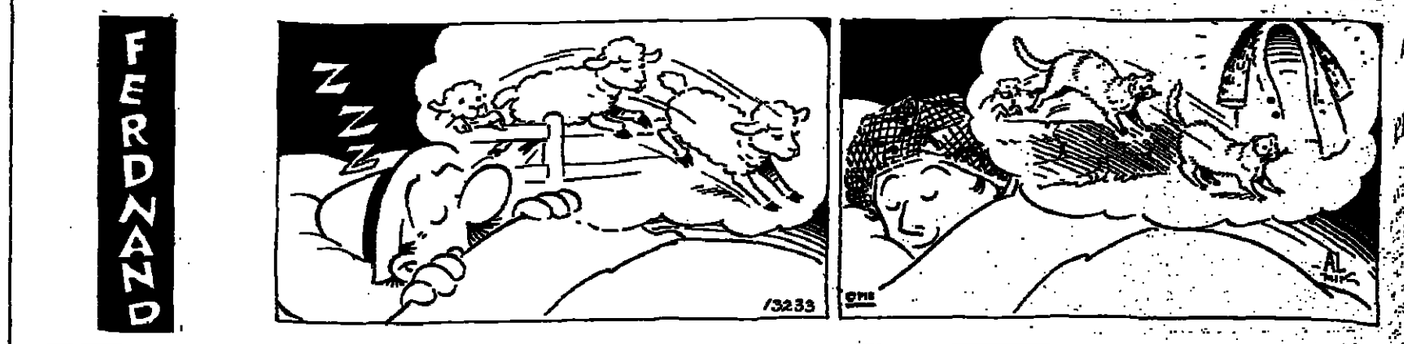

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7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.10 Morning Concert — 8.10 Sarro: Sonata; Tchaikovsky: Rococo-Variations (Rose); Haydn: Symphony No. 47. 9.05 Malipiero: Violin Concerto (Gertler); Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 (Abbado). 10.05 Book Review. 10.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 10.35 "Brener's Poetry." 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Beethoven: Adagio; Moritz von Hessen: Four-part Fugue; Schubert: Adagio and Rondo for Piano Quartet. 12.05 An Hour with the Fremin String Quartet. 1.05 Eden-Tamir, four-hands piano — Mozart: Sonata in C; Satie: Trois Morceaux en forme de poire; Schubert: Fantasy in f minor. 1.55 Programme Trailer. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "World of Science." 3.30 "Ethics of the Fathers." 3.50 "The Daily Mishna." 4.10 From our Concert Halls (Stereo) Youth Orch. "Bias," Berlin-Petzel: Suite; Mozart: Flute Concerto K. 313; Blacher: Concert Music. 6.07 Weekly Cinema Magazine. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.50 Bible Reading: Melachim A. chaps 15 and 16. 8.05 "Who is the Man?" — quiz 8.55 "Five to Nine." 9.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 9.06 Radio Music Club from Afeka. 10.05 (In English) The Historic Debate between Prof. Arnold Toynbee and Yaacov Herzog on "The Jewish People and the State of Israel." 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.12 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 435, 249 385 and 340 M.
5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Gymnastics. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.45 "A Few Moments with..." 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 Requests. 3.05 "This is Ehud Manor." 3.55 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 "This is Ehud Manor." 5.10 "From Me Mani" — with Mani Peer. 6.05 "Passport to Song." 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "A Moment of Hebrew." 9.06 "Pop and All." 10.05 Telephone Quiz and Entertainment. 1.05 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves), 6.00 p.m. (4th programme). 8.00-8.15 p.m. (4th programme). 10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.30-3.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 p.m. (4th programme); 8.15-8.30 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 522, 256 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 298 M.
522, 259 and 221 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.
6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.02 "Mixed Melodies." 8.00 News. 8.05 "Mixed Melodies."

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 Nature. 6.00 "Silence! T.V. Studio at Work." 8.00 "Petrocelli." 9.00 Mabat. 9.30 "Treasure Hunt." 11.50 News.
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GALEI ZAHAL
254, 230 and 220 M.
5.03 a.m. Morning Tunes. 5.58 Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning Tunes. 6.55 Gymnastics. 7.05 Morning Tunes. 8.00 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9.05 Requests. 10.05 "What a Beautiful Day." 12.05 Midday Star." 12.15 Mefr Hacohen Corner. 12.40 Arnold Sherman's Corner. 12.50 "Army Post Office Box 1005." 1.05 Dvarese Songs. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 "At Midday." 4.05 "Open Line 822261." 5.05 Zahal Newsreel. 6.25 Programme Trailer. 6.30 "The Main Point" — Gideon Samet interviews Prof. Joseph Dotan. 7.05 "Beautiful Songs." 7.50 Livni's Talk. 8.05 Weekly Concert. 9.05 "The Patria." 10.05 "Stocktaking." 11.05 "Popaganda." 11.35 Zahal Newsreel. 12.05 "F'mol Shilshom." 1.05 "Night Birds." 3.05 "Tunes in the Night."

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Mehadrin	r	296	305
I.C.P. Israel Citrus	r	127	127
Anglo-Isr. Investors	b	256	256
Neot Aviv	r	137.5	137.5
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Rassco – 8%	r	136.5	139
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Alliance – B	r	670	670
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Argaman – 8%	b	252	255
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Dubek	r	351	352
Elec. Wire & Cable	b	139	142
Teva		1069	1070
Chem. & Phosphates	r	182	183
Lewis Epstein	b	124	110.5
Moller Textile	r	172	170
Phoenicia – 8%	b	92	91
Paper Mills	r	326	329
Assis "B"	r	221	222
Nechushtan	r	539	529
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United Mizrahi	b	167	169.5
Bank Leumi	r	194	198
Piryon Investment	r	196	190.5
Hasuta – For. Trade	r	113	114
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No housing for young couples in central area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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He said that the housing planned in the central area will go to new immigrants, veteran residents whose houses had to be demolished, and families in need of larger apartments.

Calling on the young couples to show the pioneering spirit of their parents and settle in the development towns in the south and north, he said the ministry planned housing for them in these areas. He added that housing for new immigrants and large families will be built in the north and south.

The minister stated that young couples will continue to receive financial assistance.

Bank of Israel moots higher rate on directed loans

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Advisory Council of the Bank of Israel supports raising the interest rate on "directed loans" to between 15 and 20 per cent, from the 12 per cent charged now.

(The directed loans are issued from funds established by the Bank of Israel and the commercial banks to industrial concerns and exporters, at the Government's recommendation.)

Bank of Israel director-general Eliezer Sheffer explained that while the volume of directed loans increased by 87 per cent in the past year, the volume of exports remained unchanged. Meanwhile, he said, the great proportion of money tied up in this form of credit is an obstacle to efficient monetary policy.

Aharon Efrat, MK (Mapam), member of the council, urged that the new rate be set at 18 per cent; while council chairman, former Bank of Israel Governor David Horowitz, suggested that directed credit be abolished entirely.

Repairman fined for unwarranted bill

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrates Court here last week fined a washing machine repair company and its owner IL4,000 for charging a client for service despite the fact that it had earlier sold him repair insurance.

The client had complained to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that the Desher repair company, owned by Avraham Richter, had billed him IL530, claiming the machine had been misused. Later the company settled for IL1,400. The court ruled the machine had been used normally and ordered the fee returned. *(Itim)*

Israeli experts in over 50 countries

Despite Israel's growing political isolation since the Yom Kippur War, in 1974 there were 629 Israeli experts serving in over 50 countries under the Foreign Ministry's international cooperation programme. These figures are given in the new Government Yearbook for 1975-76 due to appear next month.

According to the yearbook, 70 per cent of the Israeli experts were serving in Latin American countries, 20 per cent in Asia and 10 per cent in Africa. These figures represent a drop of 10 per cent as compared with 1973, the yearbook says, but budgetary cuts, no less than international politics, were responsible for this.

Extra KLM flight

Israel is considering a Dutch request to allow KLM to run another flight each week between Schiphol and Ben-Gurion airports, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi announced last week.

Construction has begun on the 10-storey Rothschild bank building on Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv. The building, which will house the bank's management and the main Tel Aviv branch, will also serve as a centre for Baron Edmond de Rothschild's other activities in Israel.

Designed by architects A. Freiberger and G. Koigen, the building will be architecturally unusual in its marble and glass construction.

The bank will be among the most modern in the world and will be equipped with up-to-date communications and security systems.

Inflation is getting out of hand, and both workers and businessmen are becoming restive, says Economic Editor Moshe Ater, who argues for a far-reaching reappraisal of basic concepts — of defence and export production, for example.

Wanted: a tough and clear economic plan

Economic planning for the next year has been proceeding according to the accustomed pattern. Ministries have worked out spending programmes. The Treasury has been duly surprised by the prospective deficit. The Bank of Israel has expressed alarm at the eventual inflationary effects.

Now haggling is going on concerning individual ministry budgets, and official spokesmen are leaking news about impending cuts, dismissals, and other measures. But none of it is carried on too earnestly, since the decisive tug-of-war is still to take place on the labour front and in the business quarters.

Nevertheless, there is some reason to expect a more serious approach before long, with the country's urgent needs taken into account at long last. Contrary to official protestations, inflation is already getting out of hand. Both wage-earners and businessmen are getting restive. Confidence in the administration is fading. National income is declining. Prospects for continued foreign aid are dim. But at the end of 1976, people — and parties — will already be preparing for the next elections. By then the government will have to show that it has a clear plan, and is capable of putting it through.

A plan worth its name cannot, however, be produced by compiling statistics and partial budgets. It will require a far-reaching reappraisal of basic concepts, agonizing though the process may be. As a matter of fact, such a reappraisal has already started, and is bound to proceed under the inexorable pressure of events — especially regarding the defence effort. There is no need to enlarge upon the importance of this item, but it is a delusion to think that a reassessment of defence expenditures can be avoided.

Properly calculated, defence accounts for almost one fifth of our use of local resources, and for about one half of our foreign trade deficit. Possible ways to save these huge amounts cannot be overlooked.

But it is not only size that matters. Close to one half of Israel's defence expenditure is financed by American grants and loans, and depends on supplies approved or held back by the Pentagon.

However, reappraisal cannot be confined to defence alone. Quite to the contrary. Once we know how to proceed in that vital field, proper consequences ought to be drawn for others. If it turns out that our current defence effort, large though it is, is not enough for a beleaguered nation like Israel, we may have to put our entire economy under military regime. On the other hand, if there is some prospect of reducing defence spending, we shall at long last be able to start consolidating our uneven economic performance so as to reduce Israel's dependence on foreign charity.

According to a widespread view, smaller defence spending should result in an increase in welfare services. It should also eliminate deficit budgets, and the inflation they feed. Neither assumption is true, however. Inflation can develop in countries with next to no military expenditure — like Britain or Denmark — and Israel was affected by it while our defence budget was relatively slight. And welfare, for all its social importance, must now be accorded lower priority than export expansion.

The crucial fact is that, relieved of excessive defence spending our balance of payments could become manageable, and inflow of foreign capital plus larger exports could close the foreign trade gap within a few years. However, that could be achieved only by great exertion, by shifting to export production the resources presently devoted to defence.

The strange fact that the Israeli economy now combines stagnation, even decline, with full employment and prosperity, is largely due to the unproductive employment provided by defence and other public spending, and by the resulting purchasing power (backed by foreign aid).

Even the good can succeed

By HELGA DUDMAN

THE ONLY kind of opening which I am happy to attend is the opening of, say, a box of chocolates. There's a finer class of people who enjoy — or pretend to enjoy — openings of art exhibitions, music festivals, conferences, and other cultural events. It is doubtful whether they really enjoy themselves; as is often said, they go to be seen, and to keep from coughing between movements and speeches.

How different is the opening of a new pastry shop! Here, the lover of the *meringues glacees chantilly*, the *baba au rhum*, and even the simple *croissant au beurre* turns up because of his profound and truly deep-seated attachment to the product. Here, there is no vestige of hypocrisy or social-climbing, for guests at such openings are motivated purely by piggishness, in its most pristine and childishly innocent form.

The recent opening of the Tel Aviv branch of "La Javanaise" did have its classy aspect. Practically all of the city's French-speaking population seemed to be present, and when people are falling all over each other to get at the *petits-fours* it somehow seems more elegant when done in French. But the crucial factor was the quality of everything in sight. The chocolates, pastries, ice-cream (to take out, to eat and drink on the premises), are simply very, very good. The shop opened in Jerusalem the day of the Big Devaluation in November 1974, and pastry-partial Jerusalemites were worried about its fate. There was no need for concern. Which is in a way strange: because in Israel it seems so easy to sell very poor food — so why should anyone wish to bother with excellent quality?

Amazingly enough, you can even be successful when your product is delicious! Those in charge of this family business — they are immigrants from Tunisia, and having had tea and cakes in cafes in Morocco, I can report that we can learn a thing or two from North Africa in this department — indicated that part of their success comes from preparing things in small quantities, and in using "real" ingredients — real eggs, real cream. And then too, you must know what you are doing.

But (comes the cry) ought we to wallow in *millefeuilles* and nougats in these parlous times? Ought we not follow in the footsteps of our leaders, and subsist on olive-pits and cheese-rinds?

Well, one answer might be that it costs much, much less to run a sweet-tooth in luxury than to run a car, or an air-conditioner; it takes less foreign currency, and pollutes nothing but the waistline.

And the prices, considering everything else these days, are not so terrible. You can get a *bad cup* of coffee, or tea, with an indifferent pastry grumpily served, for around IL10 in any depressing cafe. At "La Javanaise" the most expensive pastry is something grand called "Saint-Honore," which costs IL6 and which I am not yet in a position to describe. Most are around IL4 and a brioche is IL2. Mint tea is IL4; expresso is IL4.50. (When I returned the day after the opening, a price list had not yet been posted outside.)

The family scrupulously observes *kashrut*, so nobody need worry that, for instance, anything but local raisins are used.

The Hebrew side of the specialities list is a transliteration of the French, with no helpful descriptions: what is a "Wanda"? It begins with the letter *vav*, and I am sure is worth trying. You will also find, on both sides, the universal "Schmek." I did question the "Coussin Rabinique" (in this case, a bit more explicit: "Carit shel Harabi") and learned that, in the great wide world, it is called "The Pope's Pillow." (This is by no means the only first-rate establishment in Tel Aviv turning out superior pastries and candies, not that there are so many. It is just the only one which celebrated an opening last week.)

"La Javanaise" in Tel Aviv is in Rehov Ibn Gvirol, just south of the Municipality; the decor is pure North Tel Aviv.

MUSIC

A languid 'creation'

TWO HOURS of Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation," performed by the IPO for its third subscription concert (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Nov. 19), is a bit much for anyone to take. One can easily admire Haydn's symphonies for their amazing imagination, drama and purity of feeling, but "The Creation" is an entirely different matter. The first and second parts are incredibly naive nature paintings, while the last part, a "love duet" (Adam and Eve), is so completely void of emotion that it seems to drag on endlessly. Is this love as the age of Enlightenment understood it, the ultimate manifestation of nature?

If one is to be genuinely interested in all this — let alone captivated — one needs not only a considerable amount of patience and goodwill, but first and foremost an imaginative and inventive performance. However, instead of giving "The Creation" a real boost, conductor Rafaael Fruehbeck De Burgos came across as little more than a passive and rather uninvolved messenger. His performance lacked character and often sounded hesitant and languid.

Stanley Sperber... his choir impressed.

Under these not very stimulating circumstances, the accomplishments of the Tel-Aviv Philharmonic Choir (director Stanley Sperber) deserve special praise. Intonation, phrasing and diction (German) were all most satisfactory; polyphonic passages were smoothly profiled, harmonies well blended and balanced.

But the real consolation was the distinguished team of soloists: soprano Stella Richmond, tenor Roelof Oostwoud and bass Simon Estes. Throughout the whole long performance their singing was a constant source of inspiration and pleasure. They excelled in their individual parts as well as in their duets and tercets. Miss Richmond sang with a lovely tone and simple but hearty expression. Simon Estes combined immense finesse with great inner strength and conviction, and tenor Roelof Oostwoud excelled in his clearly pronounced and strongly resounding phrases.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

A CARGO of "new immigrants" were flown into Israel by Olympic Airways last week. They are gazelles from Greece, gifts from the Greek Government for a new animal reserve planned for Mount Carmel. The original "Carmel gazelle" is now extinct — finished off by hunters at the end of the 19th century.

Parents: beware of the dangerous toys

Martha Meisels
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The independent el Consumers' Association has d a warning to parents buying ukka gifts to beware of erous toys, especially the cheap rts from the Far East. And though it will be too late to help for Hanukka, the Association has n asking the public to report to shops selling toys which appear unsafe. The Association is calln the Ministry of Commerce and try to help in a large-scale in- tion of toy stores before Purim. en shopping for small children, nts and other gift-buyers are ad- to avoid (1) toys with sharp s or points or those made of rials which can easily crack or k; (2) dolls and stuffed animals easily removable eyes, buttons her small parts; (3) toys, cap and other noisemaking guns; oy missiles, arrows or darts, unthey have rubber or cork tips h are very firmly attached; (5) rical plug-in trains and other unless the child is over eight s old. (Even battery-operated which can cause sparks or me hot after a few minutes of are not recommended for very l children.) (6) "the wrong toy the wrong age" — Electronic, istry, carpentry, sewing and ing sets should be reserved for children, not those "barely out of their infancy."

A particular warning is issued against small metal tambourines with sharp metal cymbals and exposed nails. It is also noted that plastic bags and wrappers from toys should be thrown away once the toy is opened, lest children place these over their mouths and risk possible suffocation.

Consumers interested in reporting sales of dangerous-looking toys can do so by writing or phoning the Israel Consumers' Association, 35 King George St., Tel Aviv. Tel. 230145 or 221713. The Association is also ready to help consumers who have had bad experiences with unsafe toys and wish to file a complaint against the seller or manufacturer.

The Association has discovered that no official body — not the Ministry of Health, the Police or Kupat Holim — keeps any formal statistics or special records of accidents to children by toys. The Association feels such records should be kept and their results made available to the public.

The Consumers' Association hopes to convince the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to enforce the official Israeli standard for toy safety (adopted in 1972) through regular toy-store inspections, at least once or twice a year, before Hanukka and Purim. It especially urges stronger enforcement of the standard against imported toys.

N MARKET NEWS

Prices climb as demand grows

MA ow it has become obvious that ontinuous rise of prices on the market in recent weeks is no ac- t, but the result of the public's ing apprehension that the rnment will soon be required to ement further economic rm. This plus the recent urs of forged dollars being dis- ted on the black market have d the interest of investors and speculators alike to the coin market.

The demand and prices for coins, especially gold, have both risen rapidly, particularly in the case of the 25th Anniversary coin. There is no doubt that this coin will soon join the ranks of such coins as "Victory," "Jerusalem," "Bank Israel," and a few others which are being traded in small quantities and at premium prices. Moreover, even the prices of the Ben-Gurion and Bonds coins have stopped dropping in this season of prosperity now being enjoyed by the coin market.

A number of medals have come in for their share of attention, and these include "Jerusalem," now going for IL6,200; "Rothschild," at IL6,250 "Balfour," IL8,000; "Keren Hayesod," IL12,500; "El Al," IL13,500; "Ma'ariv," IL9,200; and "Masada," IL7,700.

Name	$=IL4.36 Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
kel — Purim Coins			
½ Shekel	20,000	1.00	240
" P.	5,000	2.00	600
½ Shekel	20,000	1.00	160
" P.	10,000	2.00	310
l — Hanukka			
Torah	150,000	2.00	30
" P.	5,000	4.00	650
Degania	50,000	2.00	80
" P.	5,000	4.00	630
Szold	16,883	2.00	360
" P.	3,000	4.00	3450
Herc	18,916	2.00	280
" P.	9,438	4.00	330
Italian Lamp.	9,557	2.00	720
" P.	6,040	4.00	900
N. African Lamp	10,000	2.00	300
" P.	5,000	4.00	1100
ls — Independence Day Coins			
Menorah	86,651	15.00	160
" P.	2,000	15.00	—
Haile	27,249	10.00	220
" P.	4,792	15.00	1050
Herzl	84,472	10.00	260
" P.	4,933	20.00	1050
Bar-Mitzva	19,541	10.00	780
" P.	4,561	20.00	1200
Negev	10,430	10.00	1000
" P.	5,030	20.00	1300
Seafaring	5,990	10.00	4500
" P.	4,300	20.00	4800
Museum	11,000	10.00	770
" P.	4,300	20.00	1600
Knesset	25,202	10.00	370
" P.	7,660	20.00	480
Life	32,503	13.50	180
" P.	10,500	25.00	300
Eilat	30,250	12.50	420
" P.	7,755	23.00	650
nds — Special Issue			
Victory	234,589	12.50	70
" P.	50,489	30.00	120
Freedom	73,000	30.00	110
" P.	20,000	60.00	200
Ben-Gurion	178,000	100.00	160
" P.	75,000	200.00	270
Jerusalem	50,000	22.50	280
" P.	20,561	42.50	370
Shalom (S.F.)	40,000	25.00	280
" P.	20,000	50.00	270

Year & Name	$=IL4.36 Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
1969 " (K)	20,000	25.00	250
1970 Mikveh	47,500	25.00	130
1970 " P.	22,500	50.00	160
10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1971 Science (U)	30,000	25.00	200
1971 " P.	17,500	50.00	240
1971 " (J.)	22,500	25.00	240
1972 Aviation	50,000	30.00	150
1972 " P.	15.00	60.00	430
1972 Declaration	125,000	40.00	70
1973 " P.	41,500	50.00	140
1974 Ben Yehuda	120,000	30.00	60
1974 " P.	50,000	90.00	140
10 Pounds — Pidyon Haben			
1970 P-H	60,833	25.00	200
1970 " P.	15,000	50.00	300
1971 "	30,201	25.00	310
1971 " P.	15,000	50.00	420
1972 " (star)	30,000	30.00	120
1972 " (no star)	15,000	60.00	180
1972 " P.	12,500	60.00	230
1973 "	103,000	20.00	70
1973 P.	15,000	60.00	200
1974 "	115,000	40.00	70
1974 " P.	45,000	80.00	120
1975 P-H	—	125.00	115
1975 " P.	75,000	250.00	220
5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins			
1972 Russian Lamp	75,000	20.00	75
1972 " P.	22,500	40.00	160
1973 Babylonian Lamp	90,000	20.00	60
1973 " P.	45,000	40.00	80
1975 Damascus Lamp	125,000	50.00	45
1975 " P.	75,000	100.00	90
Gold Coins			
1960 Herzl (20)	10,310	50.00	6800
1963 Weizmann (50) P.	6,202	150.00	
1963 Weizmann (100) P.	8,206	300.00	13000
1964 Bank (50)	6,014	150.00	12000
1964 " (50) P.	1,502	250.00	83000
1967 Victory (100) P.	9,004	300.00	10500
1968 Jerusalem (100) P.	12,500	350.00	5500
1969 Shalom (100) P.	12,500	420.00	4200
1971 Freedom (100) P.	10,000	420.00	5200
1973 Declaration (50) P.	12,500	230.00	7100
1973 " (100) P.	10,000	465.00	1400
1973 " (50-100-200)	15,000	1620.00	6600
1974 Ben-Gurion P	53,500	2400.00	2900
(In sets of three only)			
1975 Bonds	32810	2500.00	2900

Proof SF — San Francisco Mint J — Jerusalem Mint U — Utrecht Mint

New container line via Canal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first container ship of the American President Line to go through the Suez Canal and stop in Haifa will be the President Polk. It will arrive in Haifa in the middle of December, the Ardo shipping company announced last week.

This new line will go from the American West Coast, to the Far East, Haifa, and a number of ports in the Mediterranean before returning to America. The American company will be represented in Israel by the Pardes Syndicate of Israel Growers' Cooperative Society through the Ardo shipping company.

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Lire	680.15/45	per $
Belgian Fr.	39.145/165	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.6605/20	per $
Yen	302.85/15	per $
French Fr.	4.4120/40	per $

Gold Price: $141.75—142.75

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$/£	2.0335/350	2.0195/310	2.0000+/015
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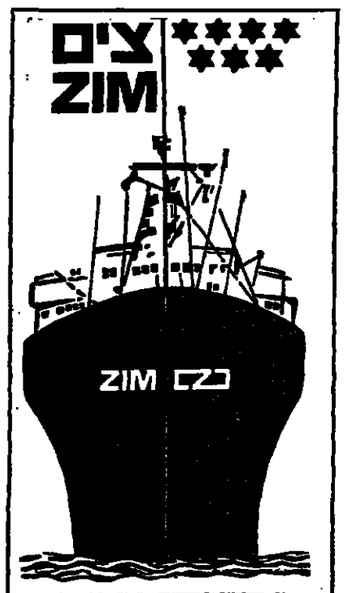

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PUBLIC BE DAMNED

THE VIEW opening out from the Old City towards the biblical landscape to the southeast is the most important panorama in Jerusalem — a link with the desert, with history, with ineffable memories. Last week, the Jerusalem District Planning Commission decided in principle to permit a private building contractor to intrude into this landscape with a housing development — something which the government has deliberately avoided in all its massive development programmes around Jerusalem since the Six Day War.

In ignoring its professional planning advisers, the Commission succumbed to a vigorous lobbying campaign waged by the contractor supported by right-wing politicians who together maintained that the development on the northeast slope of Government House would "redeem the land" — in other words, reinforce the Israeli presence in East Jerusalem. It might be presumed that the contractor's patriotism was not dimmed by the possibility of profits in the sale of apartments with a superb view of the Old City.

The decision, potentially of far-reaching dimensions for all who love Jerusalem, was taken behind closed doors by a group of purported public servants. So removed is the Commission from the notion of public accountability that Chairman Rafi Levi tried to fob off a reporter who learned of the vote two days later by saying there had only been a continuation of previous discussions. Only after being pressed did he admit there had been a decision.

Levi defended the decision by maintaining that the development, of at least 200 units, would hardly be seen, if at all, from the Old City. Municipal planners say that most, if not all, the development will clearly be seen from the Old City — a solid building mass in a pastoral landscape. They were able to prove this to reporters visiting the site.

If the Commission's decision is upheld, the entire surrounding landscape will almost certainly give way to future housing developments, whether Arab or Jewish. Likud Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza has stated clearly that he would like to see a string of housing developments closing Jerusalem off from the desert to the southeast. Politically, such wanton construction would be self-defeating. Urbanistically, it would be senseless. Visually, it would be disastrous. Instead of "redeeming" the land, its sponsors would be corrupting it. Buckminster Fuller, after looking at the view from Yemin Moshe, told the Jerusalem Committee two years ago: "The whole mystery of Jerusalem is bound up with this vista out to the desert. Nothing should be done to alter it."

It is to be hoped that the Commission's decision will, in one way or another, be revoked as Mayor Teddy Kollek has demanded. It is hoped, too, that the Commission will stop behaving like a private club and open its deliberations to the public it serves.

Israel's 'best friend' in the Administration

Dr. Kissinger's staunch defence of Israel's aid needs in Congress has given rise to second thoughts among some of his critics. *The Post's* Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzer, discusses 'the reassessment' of Kissinger by American supporters of Israel.

Kissinger, a relief map of Sinai before him, briefs President Ford on the Israel-Egypt interim pact at the time of the signing. (UPI)

ONE OF ISRAEL'S strongest supporters on Capitol Hill, a Jewish Congressman who has often been quite critical of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, told me last week: "Just wait and see. One of these days we're going to miss Henry." Although he tried to say it half-jokingly, I think he was serious.

An American Jewish leader went further when I related that story to him the following day. "Of all the Secretaries of State," he said, "Henry Kissinger is the best friend Israel has ever dealt with. He's the first Secretary of State who really understands our problems."

It may sound strange, but during the past three weeks, since the start of the Congressional debate on the Foreign aid Bill and President Ford's "Sunday night massacre," supporters of Israel, normally suspicious of Kissinger, have begun to say nicer things about him, for the first time in many months. Most of them, however, are reluctant to concede in public that Kissinger may in fact be emerging as Israel's number one backer in the Ford Administration.

During four separate appearances before House and Senate Committees on behalf of the Administration's proposed 4.7 billion dollar Foreign Aid Bill, which includes 2.24 billion dollars in military and economic assistance for Israel, Kissinger has strongly argued that aid to Israel is in the best national interests of the United States, and not a favour the United States does for Israel.

"If Israel were to collapse as a result of armaments supplied by the Soviet Union, or as a result of armaments supplied by anybody," the Secretary told a Senate subcommittee last week, "it would have the profoundest consequences for the survival of democratic governments that depend on the United States in many parts of the world. It would strengthen all of the radical forces in an area on which a great deal of our energy supply sources depend, and it would, therefore, have profound consequences for our economy and for the future stability of the world as a whole."

KISSINGER'S staunch defence of Israel's military aid requests contrasts sharply with the weak case made on behalf of Israel by other Administration officials. Outgoing CIA Director William Colby seriously damaged Israel's position the other day during closed-door testimony before the House International Relations Committee. Deputy Defence Secretary William Clements, whose background is in the oil industry, was also very "wishy-washy" during public hearings.

Although neither Colby nor Clements actually called for a reduction in the aid recommendations for Israel, their statements are believed to have encouraged some Congressmen who were undecided about potential reductions in the aid package to conclude that a 300 million dollar or so cut in the assistance for Israel would not seriously affect the Middle East arms balance. At a time of domestic economic recession in the United States, it does not take much to convince Congressmen to cut fundings.

Sen. Bennett Johnston (D-La.) confirmed last Thursday that representatives of the CIA and the Defence Department testified before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations that Israel is already armed at a sufficient level, and that the arms requested for this year are really only an "added bonus."

Kissinger told Johnston that these intelligence estimates are not all that reliable. He recalled that the CIA was wrong in its predictions in the past, noting that it had said that Israel would win the war in October 1973 within three or four days. The 1.5 billion dollars in military aid for Israel is the "minimum" it needs to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East, the Secretary said.

"There's a theory that he's trying to get back in good graces before he quits," a cynical pro-Israel aide to a senior Republican Senator said when asked why Kissinger appears to be doing such a good job lobbying for the Israeli aid package.

"Do you buy that theory?" I asked.

"It's possible," he replied. "I see a lot of the signs that he may be going through a period of depression. I think he may just say 'What's the use' and at that point quit."

THE FACT IS that Kissinger is upset. Things appear to have changed over the past three weeks. White House officials, including spokesman Ron Nessen, are more forcefully and openly leaking damaging stories about him to anyone who will listen. The general theme of this campaign centres around Kissinger's losing influence with the President. Kissinger was very angry about a story that circulated shortly after Ford replaced former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger with Donald Rumsfeld that Kissinger would no longer have daily access to the Oval Office.

(Despite that report Kissinger continues to see Ford every day.)

He was not pleased with the way Ford sacrificed Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, a close personal friend, because of Ronald Reagan's primary challenge. Kissinger is getting fed up with the lengthy Congressional investigations of U.S. intelligence gathering, the threat of a contempt of Congress citation for not having turned over certain documents to Congress, and the impact these activities are having on the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

"How would you like to wake up and see Elliot Richardson or Melvin Laird the Secretary of State?" another congressional aide friendly towards Israel asked. "Then we might very well miss Kissinger."

Most Israeli officials here would agree. Richardson and Laird, possible successors should Kissinger leave office, would certainly take a more "even-handed" Middle East position. Most State Department officials, including Under-Secretary Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary Alfred Atherton and Deputy Assistant Secretary Harold Saunders, already believe that Kissinger is "too pro-Israel," and that he has given Israel too much. In private, they have said that Kissinger made too many promises to Israel during the August Sinai shuttle.

Kissinger is also annoyed that Israeli leaders in Jerusalem apparently do not believe his repeated assurances that there has been no change on the Palestinian issue, despite Saunders' testimony earlier this month.

Long-time opponents of Kissinger contend that while he may be making positive statements in public, he is still privately "ready to sell Israel down the River." Kissinger strongly denies this, and most serious observers here believe him. Although the months of the "reassessment" and the manoeuvres Kissinger has orchestrated against Israel have left a bitter taste in the mouths of many of Israel's supporters, it is possible that Kissinger is indeed the best friend Israel has in the Administration — something he has claimed all along.

ISRAEL PRESS

Syrian collusion in massacre

DAVAR (Histadrut) notes that the terrorist squad that perpetrated the outrage was the second to come from Syria in the past two weeks and could not possibly have entered Israel without the active cooperation of senior Syrian military echelons. The basic elements of Syrian policy, it says, are three: creation of tension along the border as the Undof mandate draws to a close; massive fortification of the border with Soviet assistance; and complete exploitation of the American aspiration to achieve an interim agreement between Syria and Israel.

Apparently Syria feels that these three elements will suffice to obviate any effective response to the terrorists. However, "terrorist activity from Syrian territory contravenes the separation of forces agreement, and at a time when Damascus — contrary to the impression it is trying to create — is interested no less than Israel in the agreement being observed. Prolongation of the Undof mandate will thus not be in the nature of a 'favour' Syria is doing for Israel or the world, and strict observance of the separation of forces agreement must be a *sine qua non* as far as Israel is concerned.

"As elsewhere, on the Syria border Israel has a number of options which it can activate jointly or severally. We are in a position to ensure that Syria will once again regard the Israeli front as far too important to endanger by acts of terrorism."

HA'ARETZ (independent) agrees that there must be collision between the terrorists and the Syrian army. As to Syria's motives, the paper speculates that Damascus might be trying to goad Israel into reacting, which will in turn give her an excuse to extend the scope of the fighting and possibly draw Egypt into a new war. Another possibility may be that Damascus is trying to silence the hard liners who are demanding that Syria not renew the Undof mandate.

What is obvious, says the paper, is that extension of the mandate will not guarantee an easing of tension along the northeastern border.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says that Israel must make it clear that it will not tolerate unilateral violations of agreements on Syria's part. While Israel is interested in the extension of the Undof mandate of the cease fire, it will insist that Syria scrupulously observe the separation of forces agreement in its entirety — including prevention of terrorist operations from its territory. As for the terrorists themselves, they may draw encouragement from the U.N. denunciations of Israel and Zionism, but are mistaken if they believe that their acts of murder will impair Israel's morale.

READERS' LETTERS

A word of thanks to U.N. members

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I think we should thank those members of the UN who voted for the resolution that Zionism is racism. They were able to accomplish in one stroke what we have tried unsuccessfully for years to instill in our children: a feeling for, an understanding of and a pride in Zionism.

EVA WOMARK

Eilat, November 15.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Surely we should be most grateful for the UN vote against Zionism. No amount of effort on the part of our information services could have done more to publicize the cause and help to close the ranks of the Jewish People and their supporters than this event.

LILIAN COHEN

Rehovot, November 15.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am writing this in the name of all those who are proud of their Judaism and who are ever ready to strike back at those who hate them. There are no words that can be said which will allow us to fully vent our anger or alleviate our disgust at the last deed of the decaying world body known as the UN. Our heart and soul cry out for verbal expression in order to ease the bitterness brought about by these dealers of deceit and workers of evil masquerading under the name of world representatives.

This immoral, ungodly and slanderous resolution is a direct attack upon the Jewish People and an overturning of the basic and absolute laws of mankind, such as justice and truth.

MICHAEL SEBAG

Givatayim, November 12.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Everyone says the answer to the UN vote against Zionism must be an increased aliya. Instead of hoping the response to the UN vote will come from Jews from the West, we in Israel should strive to make conditions over which we do have control (like behaviour of officials, attitudes of the population, red tape, etc.) attractive enough so that they will at least not be a cause for deterring aliya.

YIDEL BLOOM

Herzliya, November 13.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We, the Society for Bible Study in Israel, Beth-Shalom, representing about 200,000 Christians in Europe and the U.S., are deeply shocked by the anti-Semitic UN resolution of November 11. As far as we are concerned, this resolution will have the effect of a boomerang: our resolve to help Israel in every possible way has grown enormously.

WIM MALGO
Society for Bible Study in Israel, Beth-Shalom

Pfaeffikon, Switzerland, November 13.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After the UN has exposed itself to ridicule and disrepute by its vote, I wonder whether it wouldn't be advisable to drop the word Zionism altogether from our usage and, to spite the adversaries, replace it by a term less vulnerable to misinterpretation like Jewish Liberation Movement. This adoption of the term "Liberation" would at the same time counter and dwarf the PLO pretensions as alleged in their title.

ALFRED H. UNGER
Vice-President, of the International Writers' Guild

London, November 11.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Posters should be printed, in bold type, listing the names of all the countries which voted for and against the recent UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, as well as those which abstained. One of these posters belongs in every classroom in Israel and in every Jewish school in the diaspora. Every Jewish businessman and purchasing agent throughout the world should have such a list on his desk. Other uses too numerous to mention suggest themselves readily.

When the Jewish People allow themselves to forget who they are and where they came from, they can generally depend upon their enemies and some of their "friends" to remind them. The lesson should not be allowed to pass without being thoroughly absorbed.

JULIUS I. FOX

Kfar Shmaryahu, November 16.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The UN resolution on Zionism is dangerous because it goes way beyond any Arab-Israeli dispute over territorial borders. Jewish nationalism, alone of all other nationalisms, has been conjured into something totally evil. And since the Zionist State is ipso facto evil, then any act against it becomes justified.

AUGUSTINE ZYCHER

Jerusalem, November 16.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In view of Mexico's vote in the U.N. in favour of the resolution against Zionism, I think we should cancel the invitation to that country's folklore dance group to appear in Israel. It really would not be right to expect them to appear before such a racist audience.

E. NETIVI

Haifa, November 13.

ZIONISM IN THE GAZA STRIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a Dutch volunteer who has worked in Gaza town for over four years side by side with Jew and Arab, I must speak out against the U.N. anti-Zionist resolution. A whole page of this newspaper would be too small to sum up what the Israeli Government is doing in this area.

How can Zionism be equated with racism? Is it racism when, in the days after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, Israeli teachers who had not heard from their husbands, brothers, and sons for days, were quietly teaching their Arab students in nursing school? Is it racism when the standards of nursing and hygiene are higher than before in Gaza, thanks to Israeli money and dedicated efforts to create educational facilities? Is it as a result of racism that prosperity in the Gaza strip is increasing yearly in spite of inflation and high prices?

I could maybe fill another page with less pleasant aspects of the Israeli administration, with the frustrations of people without a home or a passport. But ask some of them who studied or tried to make a living in Arab countries how they were treated by their brothers, mostly as strangers or unwanted members of the family.

The Lord gave me love for both Jew and Arab because he gave eternal promises to both peoples (Isaiah 19:24,25). If Christianity had not forsaken its roots — Israel, God's chosen People — the vote in the U.N. Assembly would never have occurred.

IET BLEEKER

Gaza, November 16.

PENFRIENDS

SHITAL ROY (19) of Ramer Dighr Pa Sylhet, Bangladesh, is a student who would like to have Israeli penfriends. His hobbies are swimming, music and photography.

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THE HOTEL AT OMARIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would like to correct a misconception in your otherwise fair reporting about the Laromme Hotel on the Omariya site (November 18). When there was barely a murmur about the development of this area, long before any public outcry, and the city was united (obviating political reasons for putting as many people as possible in residential quarters adjoining the frontier), the Municipality approached the Land Authority with the request to cut down the approved floor space from 130,000 sq.m. to 45,000 sq.m. The present plan submitted by the city, after detailed study, is slightly under 40,000 sq.m.

While public outcries are always welcome and serve as proof of a concerned citizenry, in this particular case, the changes have already been made.

RAFI DAVARA
Spokesman, Jerusalem Municipality

Jerusalem, November 20